



Poll: 1 in 4 don't plan to retire despite realities of aging

By ANDREW SOERGER

For The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Nearly one-quarter of Americans say they never plan to retire, according to a poll that suggests a disconnection between individuals' retirement plans and the realities of aging in the workforce.

Experts say illness, injury, layoffs and caregiving responsibilities often force older workers to leave their jobs sooner than they'd like.

According to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, 23% of workers, including nearly 2 in 10 of those over 50, don't expect to stop working. Roughly another quarter of Americans say they will continue working beyond their 65th birthday.



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According to government data, about 1 in 5 people 65 and older was working or actively looking for a job in June.

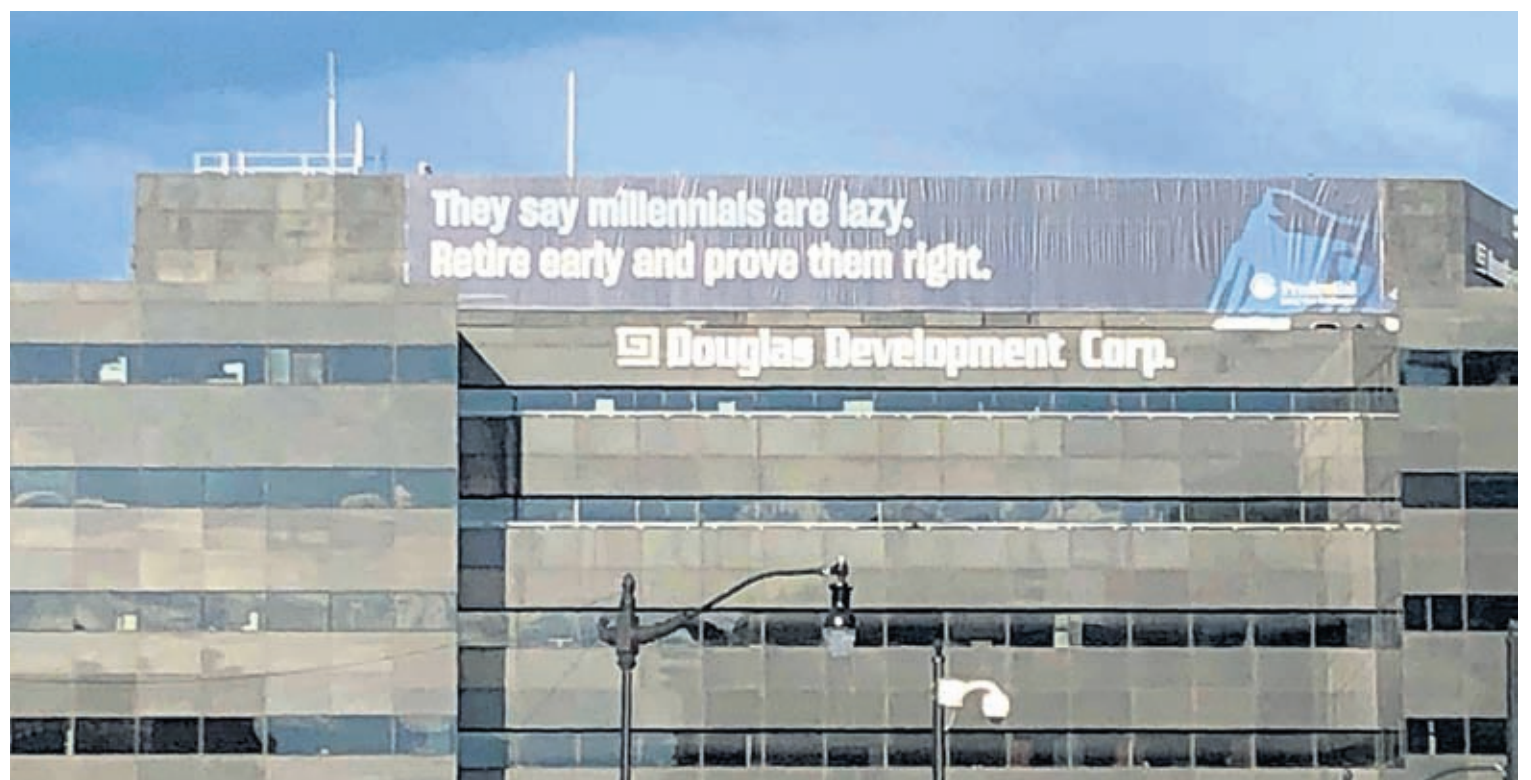
For many, money has a lot to do with the decision to keep working.

"The average retirement age that we see in the data has gone up a little bit, but it hasn't gone up that much," says Anqi Chen, assistant director of savings research at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. "So people have to live in retirement much longer, and they may not have enough assets to support themselves in retirement."

When asked how financially comfortable they feel about retirement, 14% of Americans under the age of 50 and 29% over 50 say they feel extremely or very prepared, according to the poll. About another 4 in 10 older adults say they do feel somewhat prepared, while just about one-third feel unprepared. By comparison, 56% of younger adults say they don't feel prepared for retirement.

Among those who are fully retired, 38% said they felt very or extremely prepared when they retired, while 25% said they felt not very or not at all prepared.

"One of the things about thinking about never retiring is that you didn't save a whole lot of money," says Ronni Bennett, 78, who was pushed out of her job as a New York City-based website editor at 63.



In this June 13, 2019 photo, a retirement advertisement sign is shown on a building in Washington.

She searched for work in the immediate aftermath of her layoff, a process she describes as akin to "banging my head against a wall." Finding Manhattan too expensive without a steady stream of income, she eventually moved to Portland, Maine. A few years later, she moved again, to Lake Oswego, Oregon.

"Sometimes I fantasize that if I win the lottery, I'd go back to New York," says Bennett, who has a blog called Time Goes By that chronicles her experiences aging, relocating and, during the past two years, living with a pancreatic cancer diagnosis.

Meanwhile, Americans have mixed assessments of how the aging workforce affects workers: 39%

think people staying in the workforce longer is mostly a good thing for American workers, while 29% think it's more a bad thing and 30% say it makes no difference. A somewhat higher share, 45%, thinks it has a positive effect on the U.S. economy.

Working Americans who are 50 and older think the trend is more positive than negative for their own careers — 42% to 15%. Those younger than 50 are about as likely to say it's good for their careers as to say it's bad.

Just 6% of fully retired AP-NORC poll respondents said they left the labor market before turning 50.

But remaining in the workforce may be unrealistic for people dealing with unexpected illness or injuries.

For them, high medical bills and a lack of savings loom large over day-to-day expenditures.

"People like me, who are average, everyday working people, can have something catastrophic happen, and we lose everything because of medical bills," says Larry Zarzecki, a former Maryland police officer who stopped working in his 40s after developing a resting tremor in his right hand and a series of cognitive and physical symptoms he at times found difficult to articulate.

At 47, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Now 57 and living in Baltimore, Zarzecki says he has learned "to take from Peter and give to Paul, per se, to help make ends meet." Zarzecki has since helped

found Movement Disorder Education and Exercise, a nonprofit organization that offers support and treatment programs to those with similar diseases and certain traumatic brain injuries. He has also helped lobby state and national lawmakers to address rising prescription drug prices.

He receives a pension and health insurance through the state, but he spends more than \$3,000 each year out of pocket on medications. "I can't afford, nor will my insurance cover, the most modern medication there is for Parkinson's," he says. "Eat, heat or treat. These are decisions that people in my position have to make. When it's cold out, or if it's real hot out, do you eat, heat (your home) or treat (your ailment)?" □

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21 hurt in shopping plaza blast: Gas lines found ruptured

By **TERRY SPENCER**
Associated Press

PLANTATION, Fla. (AP) — A vacant pizza restaurant exploded Saturday in a thundering roar at a South Florida shopping plaza, injuring more than 20 people as large chunks of concrete flew through the air.

The blast flung debris widely along a busy road in Plantation, west of Fort Lauderdale. The restaurant was destroyed, and nearby businesses and cars were damaged. Though firefighters found ruptured gas lines afterward, authorities said it was too early to determine a cause.

"We thought it was thunder at first, and then we felt the building shake and things started falling. I looked outside and it was almost like the world was ending," said Alex Carver, a worker at a deli across the street from the explosion.

"It was nuts, man. It was crazy."

The explosion hurled large pieces of concrete up to 50 yards (45 meters) away and sent pieces of metal scattering as far as 100 yards (90 meters) across the street.

Carver said two of his co-workers' cars were destroyed.

At least 21 people were injured though none of the injuries was life-threatening, Police Sgt. Jessica Ryan said.

The explosion demolished the building, leaving behind only part of its metal frame. The restaurant, called PizzaFire, had been out of business for several months. The blast also blew



A police officer guards the area after an explosion on Saturday, July 6, 2019, in Plantation, Fla.

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out the windows of a popular fitness club next door at the shopping plaza in Broward County.

Jesse Walaschek had just left the fitness club with his wife and three children, ages 4, 6 and 8. They were parked near the restaurant and had just driven about 50 yards (45 meters) away when they heard the blast. "It was a massive explosion like I have never experienced," he said.

Walaschek said dust and debris filled the air. "Everything just stopped. You didn't see anybody. I just wanted to get these guys safe," he said, pointing to his children.

"If this had happened a minute before when we were getting the kids in the car, it would have been really bad."

Dozens of firefighters responded and could be

seen picking through the rubble with dogs sniffing through the debris to make sure people weren't trapped underneath. There were no known fatalities immediately after the explosion.

Fire department Battalion Chief Joel Gordon said there were ruptured gas lines when firefighters arrived, but he couldn't say for certain that it was a gas explosion.

"At this point, nobody was killed. Thank goodness for that. As bad as it is, it could have been a lot worse," Gordon said. □



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Admiral to lead Navy instead will retire; bad judgment cited

By **ROBERT BURNS**

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The four-star admiral set to become the Navy's top officer on Aug. 1 will instead retire, an extraordinary downfall prompted by what Navy Secretary Richard Spencer on Sunday called poor judgment regarding a professional relationship.

The sudden move by Adm. William Moran may add to the perception of turmoil in the Pentagon's senior ranks, coming less than a month after Pat Shanahan abruptly withdrew from consideration to be defense secretary after serving as the acting secretary for six months.

Leaders of the individual



In this Dec. 1, 2018 file photo, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. William Moran describes the function of the USS Thomas Hudner prior to its commissioning ceremony in Boston.

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military services, both civilian and uniformed, play less critical roles in national security than the defense secretary, and they are not

in the chain of military command. But they are responsible for ensuring that the armed forces are trained, equipped and prepared

for combat and other roles. Moran had been vetted for promotion to the top uniformed position in the Navy, nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the Senate in May to succeed Adm. John Richardson as chief of naval operations and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Instead, Moran said in a written statement Sunday evening that he told Spencer he decided to decline his appointment as the next chief of naval operations and requested to be allowed to retire.

"As painful as it is to submit my request to retire, I will not be an impediment whatsoever to the important service that you and your families continue to render the nation every day," Moran wrote.

Spencer said his vision for the Navy includes "an urgent resolve by all" to live up to high standards.

"Adm. Bill Moran recently brought to my attention that over the past two years he maintained a professional relationship with an individual who was held accountable and counseled for failing to meet the values and standards of the Naval profession," Spencer said in a written statement Sunday evening. "While I admire his faithful service and commitment to the Navy, this decision on his part to maintain that relationship has caused me to call his judgment into question. Therefore, today I accepted Adm. Moran's request to retire."

Senior Navy officials said Spencer learned of this relationship only after Moran's Senate confirmation in May. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity

to discuss sensitive details. Spencer provided no details about the unnamed individual, but other officials said Spencer was referring to Moran having recently taken public affairs counsel from Chris Servello, who was removed from his position as public affairs adviser to Richardson in 2017 and given a non-punitive letter of reprimand for drinking and fraternizing with junior officers during and after a December 2016 Navy Christmas party.

Servello was accused of making unwanted sexual passes while dressed as Santa at the party. No charges were filed against him. He retired from the Navy last May at the rank of commander. Servello had previously worked for Moran as a public affairs officer. In an interview Sunday evening, Servello said he was aware of Moran's decision to retire.

Moran said his decision to decline his appointment and to instead retire was based also on what he called an open investigation into "the nature of some of my personal email correspondence over the past couple of years." He also cited the Servello relationship, without using his name.

"To be clear," Moran added, "my decision to maintain this relationship was in no way an endorsement or tacit approval of" the kind of misconduct that Servello was disciplined for. "I understand how toxic it can be to any team when inappropriate behavior goes unrecognized and unchecked. Every Sailor is entitled to serve in an environment free of harassment or intimidation." □



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8 Frank Lloyd Wright buildings added to World Heritage list

By SOPHIA TAREEN

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The work of famed American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was recognized Sunday as eight of his buildings, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City, Los Angeles' Hollyhock House and the Unity Temple in suburban Chicago, were added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

"Each of these buildings offers innovative solutions to the needs for housing, worship, work or leisure," read a statement from the World Heritage Committee. "Wright's work from this period had a strong impact on the development of modern architecture in Europe."

The committee met Sunday in Baku, Azerbaijan, and also added to the list Italy's hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, which is home to the world-famous sparkling wine Prosecco.

The group noted Wright's use of "organic architecture," including an open plan, with blurred boundaries between exterior and interior, and the "unprecedented use" of steel and concrete. The Wright buildings are the 24th U.S. site on the list.

The other Wright buildings included are the Frederick C. Robie House in Chicago; Taliesin in Spring Green Wisconsin; the Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House in Madison, Wisconsin; Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pennsylvania; and Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Among his most iconic buildings was the Guggenheim with its spiral ramp for viewing galleries. It was completed in 1959, the same year Wright died.

The Unity Temple is in Oak Park, Illinois, which is home to the largest concentration of Wright-designed buildings, including his home and studio. The church, completed in 1908, was one of the first U.S. public buildings to feature exposed concrete, according to the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, which is based in the Chicago area. The temple and the Robie House, which recently underwent restoration, are standards of Wright's "Prairie style," relying on strong horizontal features like a prairie landscape.

"This really is a significant moment for Frank Lloyd Wright," said trust President & CEO Celeste Adams. "It places him on an international stage." □

Memorial to 5 officers killed in Dallas to be unveiled

DALLAS (AP) — Officials are set to unveil a sculpture honoring five police officers killed in a sniper attack in downtown Dallas three years ago.

Sunday marks three years since Micah Johnson opened fire on a peaceful protest. The Army veteran killed four Dallas police officers and one transit officer. Authorities killed Johnson using a robot-delivered bomb. July 7, 2016, is considered the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement

since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. A sculpture honoring Dallas officers Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, and Patrick Zamarripa, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Officer Brent Thompson will be unveiled Monday in front of police headquarters.

Downtown Dallas was again the site of a high-profile shooting last month, when a masked gunman attacked a federal courthouse. The gunman was the only fatality. □



This Aug. 23, 2007, file photo, visitors gather on one of the cantilevered terraces at Fallingwater, a Frank Lloyd Wright design in Bear Run, Pa.

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DHS official defends conditions at Border Patrol stations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan on Sunday defended conditions at U.S. Border Patrol stations following reports of crowded and unsanitary conditions that have heightened debate about President Donald Trump's immigration policy, a trademark issue for his reelection campaign.

"It's an extraordinarily challenging situation," McAleenan told ABC's "This Week." The Homeland Security Department's internal watchdog provided new details Tuesday about the overcrowding in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for illegal crossings. The report said children at three facilities had no access to showers and that some children under age 7 had been held in jammed centers for more than two weeks. Some cells were so cramped that adults were forced to stand for days on end. Government inspectors described an increasingly dangerous situation, both for migrants and agents — a "ticking time bomb," in the words of one facility manager. The report echoed findings in May by the department's inspector general about holding centers in El Paso, Texas: 900 people crammed into a cell with a maximum capacity of 125; detainees standing on toilets to have room to breathe; others wearing soiled clothing for days or weeks.

In tweets Sunday afternoon, Trump went further than McAleenan in defending his administration's



Heidi Turpin, left, dressed as President Donald Trump, holds up a sign next to her husband, Jim, during a protest against detaining migrant children, Thursday, July 4, 2019, in Austin, Texas.

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response, accusing the news media of "phony and exaggerated accounts" but without providing evidence.

"Border Patrol, and others in Law Enforcement, have been doing a great job. We said there was a Crisis - the Fake News & the Dems said it was 'manufactured,'" Trump wrote. Federal detention centers "are crowded (which we ... brought up, not them) because the Dems won't change the Loopholes and Asylum. Big Media Con Job!"

Democrats faulted Trump for not offering an immigration overhaul that could pass a divided Congress.

"The president is acting like we are some weak, pathetic country," said Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, a Democratic presidential candidate. "We have the ability to treat human be-

ings humanely. We have the ability to lead our hemisphere in a discussion about how to deal with this refugee crisis," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

McAleenan said that since the first of the year, 200 medical providers have been added to facilities, including personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Public Health Service Commission Corps.

"We have pediatricians in border patrol stations for the first time in history trying to help address conditions where children are coming across 300 a day in ... April and May," McAleenan said.

"We've built soft-sided temporary facilities. These are spaces that are much more appropriate — high ceilings, more room for children and families. We've put them both in Donna, Texas, in South Texas as well

as in El Paso to provide additional space. ... We've bought buses to transport people to better places."

McAleenan disputed news reports, including those by The Associated Press, of especially troubling conditions at a border station in Clint, Texas, where a stench was coming from children's clothing and some detainees were suffering from scabies and chickenpox.

"There's adequate food and water," he said. "The facility's cleaned every day, because I know what our standards are and I know they're been followed because we have tremendous levels of oversight. Five levels of oversight."

"Inadequate food, inadequate water and unclean cells. None of those have been substantiated."

He said everyone in the chain of command is wor-

ried about the situation of children detained at the border. He said that on June 1, his department had 2,500 children in custody, including 1,200 who had been there for more than three days. As of Saturday, McAleenan said there were 350 children, and only 20 have been in the department's custody for more than three days.

"So that's huge improvement based on the resources we asked for from Congress and were finally given," he said.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., told NBC's "Meet the Press" that he is stunned when administration officials say that reports on the conditions are unsubstantiated.

"I'm just like, 'What world are they living in?'" Merkley said, citing government and news reports. "From every direction you see that the children are being treated in a horrific manner. And there's an underlying philosophy that it's OK to treat refugees in this fashion. And that's really the rot at the core of the administration's policy."

Separately, McAleenan addressed questions about U.S. Border Patrol agents who are under fire for posting offensive messages in a "secret" Facebook group that included sexually explicit posts about U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and dismissive references to the deaths of migrants in U.S. custody. The existence of that group was reported Monday by ProPublica. Prior to that, few people outside the group had ever heard of it. □



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Financier Jeffrey Epstein due in court over sex charges

By MICHAEL R. SISAK and JIM MUSTIAN

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Wealthy financier and registered sex offender Jeffrey Epstein is due in court following an arrest in New York on new sex-trafficking charges involving allegations that date to the early 2000s, according to law enforcement officials.

Epstein, a wealthy hedge fund manager who once counted as friends former President Bill Clinton, Great Britain's Prince Andrew, and President Donald Trump, was taken into federal custody Saturday and is expected to appear Monday in Manhattan federal court, three law enforcement officials told The Associated Press.

One of the officials said Epstein is accused of paying underage girls for massages and molesting them at his homes in Florida and New York.

The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the pending case.

A message was sent to Epstein's defense attorney seeking comment. Epstein is being held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website.

Epstein's arrest, first reported by The Daily Beast, comes amid renewed scrutiny of a once-secret plea deal that ended a federal investigation against him.

That deal, which is being challenged in Florida federal court, allowed Epstein, who is now 66, to plead guilty to lesser state charges of soliciting and procuring a person under age 18 for prostitution.

Averting a possible life sentence, Epstein was instead sentenced to 13 months in jail. The deal also required he reach financial settlements with dozens of his once-teenage victims and register as a sex offender. Epstein's deal was overseen by former Miami U.S. Attorney Alexander Acosta, who is now Trump's labor secretary. Acosta has defended the plea deal as appropriate under the circumstances, though the White House said in February that it was "looking into" his handling of the deal.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra of Florida ruled earlier this year that Epstein's victims should have been consulted under federal law about the deal, and he is now weighing whether to invalidate the non-prosecution agreement, or NPA, that protected Epstein from federal charges.

Federal prosecutors recently filed court papers in Florida case contending Epstein's deal must stand. "The past cannot be undone; the government committed itself to the NPA, and the parties have not disputed that Epstein complied with its provisions," prosecutors wrote in the filing.

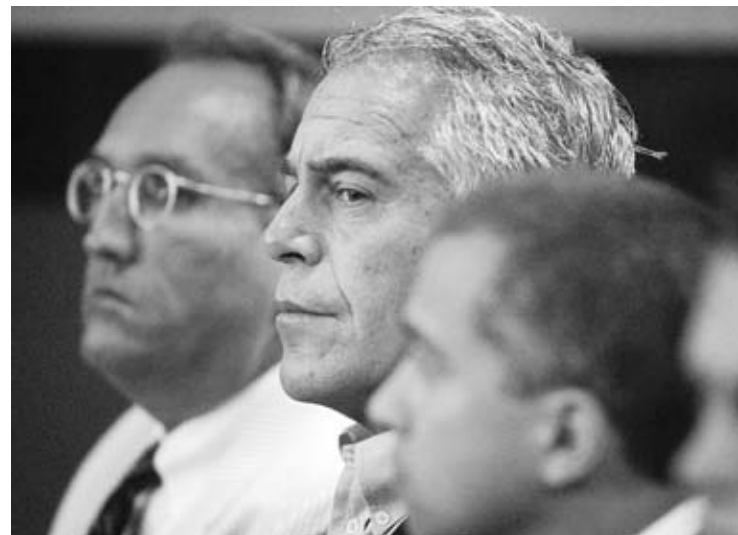
They acknowledged, however, that the failure to consult victims "fell short of the government's dedication to serve victims to the best of its ability" and that prosecutors "should have communicated with the victims in a straightforward and transparent way."

The victims in the Florida case have until Monday to respond to the Justice Department's filing.

According to court records in Florida, authorities say

at least 40 underage girls were brought into Epstein's Palm Beach mansion for what turned into sexual encounters after female fixers looked for suitable girls locally and in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world.

Some girls were also allegedly brought to Epstein's homes in New York City, New Mexico and a private Caribbean island, according to court documents. □



Sisak reported from Port St. Lucie, Florida. In this July 30, 2008 file photo, Jeffrey Epstein, center, is shown in custody in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Conservative party wins Greek election, ousts left-wing PM

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek conservative opposition leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis comfortably won a parliamentary election Sunday as voters rejected Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras after a tumultuous four years of the country struggling through a crippling financial crisis.

With more than 80% of votes counted, Mitsotakis' New Democracy party had 39.7% of the vote compared to Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party at 31.6%.

The extreme right-wing Golden Dawn, founded by neo-Nazi supporters, teetered just below the 3% threshold needed to enter parliament — a massive fall of support for a party that had become the third-largest in the Greek legislature during the country's financial crisis.



Greek opposition New Democracy conservative party leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis delivers his speech after win the parliamentary elections at the New Democracy headquarters in Athens, on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

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The results indicated that Greek voters were bucking a recent trend in Europe of citizens rejecting the political mainstream and turning

to populist and euroskeptic parties.

"I asked for a strong mandate to change Greece. You offered it generously,"

Mitsotakis said in his victory speech. "From today, a difficult but beautiful fight begins."

Mitsotakis, 51, vowed to

abide by his campaign pledges to cut taxes, attract investment and improve the job market. He had been ahead in opinion polls for three years and managed to build a sizeable lead. "Greeks deserve better and the time has come for us to prove it," he said. Tsipras conceded defeat and said he phoned Mitsotakis to congratulate him. "The citizens have made their choice. We fully respect the popular vote," Tsipras said in a speech from central Athens.

He said his party now would work to protect the rights of working Greeks as "a responsible but dynamic opposition" to the government. Tsipras said he hoped New Democracy's return to government "will not lead to vengeance ... particularly toward the significant achievements to protect the social majority and the workers." □

Malta OKs transfer of 65 migrants from German ship to port

By GIADA ZAMPANO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Malta's government has agreed to help 65 rescued migrants by transferring them from a German-operated rescue boat to a Maltese military vessel that will take them to a Maltese port.

Malta announced the decision on Sunday afternoon after talks with the European Commission and the German government, while the rescue ship Alan Kurdi was waiting for permission to enter Malta's territorial waters.

The Maltese government said in a statement that

"all the rescued persons on board will be immediately relocated to other European Union member states."



The Italian NGO Mediterranean Saving Humans' Alex migrant rescue ship carrying 46 migrants rescued off Libya coasts, docks in the port of Lampedusa, Sicily island, Italy, Saturday, July 6, 2019.

Associated Press

None of the said immigrants will remain in Malta as this case was not under the responsibility of the Maltese authorities."

The agreement was reached after the vessel operated by German non-profit Sea-Eye decided to head to Malta late on Saturday, after being banned from docking in the Italian port of Lampedusa.

The decision to change course to Malta came hours after an Italian rescue ship of humanitarian group Mediterranean disobeyed Italian orders and docked in Lampedusa. The over 40 migrants on board were al-

lowed to disembark on Saturday night after the boat was seized by police.

The German ship then asked Maltese authorities to provide a safe harbor as soon as possible, as three people on board had collapsed for the heat.

Malta responded that the three migrants in need of urgent medical assistance will be immediately evacuated.

The Sea-Eye's vessel had rescued 65 people from an overloaded rubber boat in international waters off the Libyan coast earlier this week, but wasn't allowed to enter Italian waters. □

Rising French far-right star resurfaces and flirts with fire

By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — She vowed to stay out of politics and even dropped the French far right's signature name — Le Pen — from her moniker. But Marion Marechal, a former star lawmaker who's still only in her 20s, is now tip-toeing back into the political arena, and is already causing trouble.

Widely seen as a potential party leader, the 29-year-old's discreet meetings in recent days to build bridges with enemy conservatives, crippled by their crushing defeat in European Parliament elections, are further unsettling the mainstream right. The forays into forbidden territory by the woman once voted the most popular in the far-right National Rally party (formerly the National Front) led by her aunt, Marine Le Pen, have also raised questions about Marechal's political intentions — and whether a new war within the Le Pen clan is afoot.

Marechal is the darling of her controversial grandfather, Jean-Marie Le Pen, a National Front co-founder expelled by daughter Marine for repeating anti-Semitic remarks that got him convicted. Marechal is more conservative than her aunt. Addressing a major forum for American conservatives last year, she decried the European Union and said France is becoming "the little niece of Islam."

To Jean-Marie's disappointment, Marion dropped out of politics two years ago, refusing to seek a new mandate as a National Rally lawmaker to found a private school in Lyon seen as a training ground for far-right leaders.

She denies speculation she is making an end-run around Aunt Marine for a comeback. Nevertheless, the noise created after at least two below-the-radar meetings became known underscores Marechal's potentially pivotal role in the power politics of the French right.

A dinner in late June between Marechal and more



In this June 22, 2018 file photo, Marion Marechal delivers a speech as she inaugurates the Institute of Social Sciences, Economics and Politics (ISSEP) in Lyon, central France.

Associated Press

than a dozen officials and lawmakers of The Republicans, or LR, caused a firestorm within the main conservative party. The conservative mainstream has long been extremely wary of liaisons with France's far right, but the meeting suggested that some conservatives may believe the only way to survive is by joining forces with the likes of Marechal.

Senate leader Gerard Larcher, of the LR, said those who met at a Paris restaurant with Marechal have placed themselves "outside" the party.

"I have always said there was a firewall between us and the National Rally," party, he said on LCI TV. "Whether you like it or not, this (dinner) was a breach." Those who attended risk exclusion from the party, Larcher said, making clear that for him they already had "placed themselves outside the values of our political formation."

Meanwhile, France's powerful business lobby Medef invited Marechal to speak about the rise of populism at its annual summer gathering — but then canceled the whole panel after the idea left many aghast.

The National Rally came to the forefront of French politics with its win in the European Parliament elections in May. The party bettered

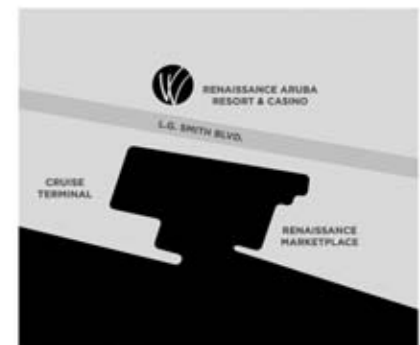
President Emmanuel Macron's centrists and hopes to maintain momentum ahead of municipal elections next year.

In a TV interview in early June, she said she wanted to build a "grand alliance of the right" — though she insisted her intentions were devoid of personal ambition. Marechal has been regarded as a potential presidential candidate in the 2022 election, or later, raising occasional tensions with her aunt, who was roundly defeated in 2017 by Macron after making it to the runoff. Former White House strategist Steve Bannon praised her as a "rising star" — on a stage he shared with Marine Le Pen at an important National Rally congress. □



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Iran steps further from nuke deal, adding pressure on Europe

By JON GAMBRELL
NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran increased its uranium enrichment Sunday beyond the limit allowed by its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, inching its program closer toward weapons-grade levels while calling for a diplomatic solution to a crisis heightening tensions with the U.S.

Iran's move, coupled with earlier abandoning the deal's limit on its low-enriched uranium stockpile, intensifies pressure on Europe to find any effective way around U.S. sanctions that block Tehran's oil sales abroad.

But the future of the accord that President Donald Trump unilaterally pulled



From left to right, spokesman for Iran's atomic agency Behrouz Kamalvandi, Iran's government spokesman Ali Rabiei and Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, attend a press briefing in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

Associated Press

the U.S. from a year ago remains in question. While Iran's recent measures could be easily reversed, Europe has struggled to respond, even after getting a 60-day warning that the increase was coming.

Meanwhile, experts fear a miscalculation in the crisis could explode into open conflict, as Trump already has nearly bombed Iran over Tehran shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone.

International reaction to Iran's decision came swiftly, with Britain warning Iran to "immediately stop and reverse all activities" violating the deal, Germany saying it is "extremely concerned," and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a longtime critic of the accord, urging world powers to impose so-called "snapback sanctions" on Tehran.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tweeted: "Iran's latest expansion of its nuclear program will lead to

further isolation and sanctions. Nations should restore the longstanding standard of no enrichment for Iran's nuclear program. Iran's regime, armed with nuclear weapons, would pose an even greater danger to the world."

At a news conference, Iranian officials said the new level of uranium enrichment would be reached later in the day, but did not provide the percentage they planned to hit. Under the nuclear deal, the cap for enrichment was set at 3.67%, a percentage closely monitored by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog.

"Within hours, the technical tasks will be done and enrichment above 3.67% will begin," Iran nuclear agency spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi said. "We predict that the IAEA measurements early tomorrow morning will show that we have gone beyond 3.67%."

The IAEA said it was aware of Iran's comments and "inspectors in Iran will report to our headquarters as soon as they verify the announced development."

Ali Akbar Velayati, an aide to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, made remarks in a video Saturday about Iran's need for 5% enrichment. Bushehr, Iran's only nuclear power plant, is now running on imported fuel from Russia that's enriched to around 5%.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif sent a letter to EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini outlining the steps it had taken, said Abbas Araghchi, a deputy foreign minister. Discussions with European powers are continuing and ministerial-level talks are planned later this month, he said.

"We will give another 60-day period, and then we will resume the reduction of our commitments," Araghchi said, without elaborating. On Saturday, French President Emmanuel Macron told his Iranian counterpart, Hassan Rouhani, in a phone call that he is trying to find a way by July 15 to resume the dialogue between Iran and Western partners. It wasn't clear if July 15 carried any importance. The U.S. has called for a special IAEA meeting for Wednesday to discuss Iran. Kamalvandi stressed that Iran will continue to use only slower, first-generation IR-1 centrifuges to increase enrichment, as well as keep the number of centrifuges in use under the 5,060-limit set by the nuclear deal. Iran has the technical ability to build and operate advanced centrifuges that work faster but is barred from doing so under the deal. □

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Face of Indonesia disaster relief efforts dies at 49

By STEPHEN WRIGHT

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's disaster agency spokesman, who was respected for informing the public accurately and quickly about the country's frequent natural calamities, has died. He was 49.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho died Sunday morning in Guangzhou, China, where he had been undergoing cancer treatment since June, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said.

Nugroho revealed in early 2018 that he had been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer and was told he might not survive more than a year.

As his personal tragedy unfolded, the year would become one of the worst in recent memory for natural disasters in Indonesia. Thousands died in a series of earthquakes, tsunamis,



In this March 18, 2019, photo, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho speaks during a press conference in Jakarta, Indonesia.

floods and landslides. Nugroho continued to work while enduring intense pain, typing news releases from his hospital bed after undergoing chemotherapy,

updating social media, holding press conferences and fielding calls from reporters at any hour.

"He was a hardworking figure who served the media

and public independently and tirelessly even while very sick," disaster agency chief Doni Monardo told The Associated Press.

"He deserves to be called

a humanitarian hero." In a country where many officials are notorious for economy with the truth or outright distortion, Nugroho distinguished himself by marshaling facts, combating hoaxes and frequently drawing attention to lack of disaster preparedness and man-made factors that worsen natural calamities.

He was the public face of the thousands of people involved in Indonesia's arduous disaster relief efforts and affectionately known as "Pak Topo," a moniker that combined abbreviations of his name and the Indonesian word for mister. His communications expertise earned him numerous awards in Indonesia and the region.

Tributes poured in Sunday from people of all walks of life in Indonesia and neighboring countries. □

Latest Hong Kong protest focuses on high-speed rail station

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Protesters in Hong Kong have chosen a new high-speed railway station that connects the city with mainland China as the destination for their latest march to protect the freedoms of the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. A look at why:

MAINLAND TOURISTS

Organizers of Sunday's march have said they want to explain their movement to people from the main-

land, where news coverage of anti-government protests that have wracked Hong Kong for the past month has been heavily restricted and focused on condemning demonstrators for clashing with police and destroying public property.

It is the first protest on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong harbor.

STATION CONTROVERSY

The station itself stirred controversy ahead of its

opening last September because passengers go through Chinese immigration and customs inside it. Mainland law applies in the area, roughly one-quarter of the station. While convenient for travelers, some opposition lawmakers argued the move violates the Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution under which it retained its own legal system and civil liberties after reverting from British to Chinese rule in 1997. □



In this Sept. 22, 2018, file photo, a woman waves a British flag outside the Western Kowloon Station during a protest against the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Express Rail Link in Hong Kong.

Associated Press

Sudan protesters cancel marches in wake of agreement

By **FAY ABUELGASIM**
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Associated Press
KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)

— Sudan's pro-democracy movement on Saturday abandoned plans for marches next week, after it reached a power-sharing deal with the ruling military council following a week-long standoff over the role of the army in the transition. Both sides agreed on Friday to form a joint military and civilian sovereign council to lead the country during a transition period of three years and three months, sparking street celebrations in the capital of Khartoum and other cities across the country.

Rebel groups, however, slammed the long-awaited deal as a "betrayal of the revolution" that led to the military ouster of autocratic President al-Bashir in April amid nationwide protests against his nearly three decades of rule.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, head of the military council, vowed Saturday to "protect and implement" the deal. He said the military council would work closely with the Forces for Declaration of Freedom and Change, which represents the protesters in negotiations, and other political forces "to build and protect" the country and



Sudanese people celebrate in the streets of Khartoum after ruling generals and protest leaders announced they have reached an agreement on the disputed issue of a new governing body on Friday, July 5, 2019.

to "achieve peace and justice."

The FDFC abandoned previously announced marches next week on the 40-days anniversary of a deadly break-up of their protest sit-in outside the military headquarters on June 3.

Earlier this week, the FDFC had called for marches in Khartoum and elsewhere on July 13 and for a general strike and civil disobedience the following day.

The new schedule included meetings, workshops and campaigns across the country. The FDFC said it was "an initial part of a comprehensive action plan" aimed at rooting out members of the al-Bashir regime.

Sudanese rebel groups criticized the power-sharing deal, which came after intensive efforts by the African Union and Ethiopia.

A faction of the Sudan Liberation Movement, led by

Associated Press

Minni Minnawi, said Friday a peace deal had to be reached with rebel groups before embarking on the deal's planned transition. Another faction of the SLM, led by Abdel Wahid al-Nur, slammed the deal as a "betrayal of the revolution."

The SLM — then fighting an insurgency in the Darfur region — split into rival factions in 2004. Minnawi has joined a political coalition with the protesters, while al-Nur refused to take part

in the movement. The FDFC said Friday they would work to establish peace with rebel groups during the first six months of the transitional period. Earlier this week, the military council had agreed with Minnawi to extend a cease-fire and start peace talks.

The power-sharing deal was meant to end a week-long political deadlock between the military council and the protest movement since security forces razed the Khartoum sit-in, killing more than 100 people since then, according to protest organizers.

In the ensuing weeks, protesters stayed in the streets, demanding that the generals hand power to civilian leadership.

They resumed negotiations on Wednesday after tens of thousands of people flooded the streets of Sudan's main cities last weekend in the biggest demonstrations since the sit-in camp was razed. At least 11 people were killed in clashes with security forces, according to protest organizers.

After two-day intense talks, both sides agreed to form a joint military and civilian sovereign council to lead the country during a transition period of three years and three months. The joint council had been a sticking point in the negotiations. □

Investigators recover helicopter that crashed in Bahamas

Associated Press
HAVANA (AP) — Accident

investigators in the Bahamas say they have recovered the helicopter that crashed after taking off from a remote private island on July 4, killing coal billionaire Chris Cline and six other Americans, as well as a British citizen.

The Bahamas Air Accident Investigation Department said on its website that a Florida-based contractor pulled the Agusta AW139 helicopter from the ocean late Saturday night.

The helicopter was expected to be taken to Fort Lauderdale and then to an accident investigation facility in Fort Pierce, Florida.



In this handout photo provided by the Bahamas ZNS Network, a recovery team stands by at the wreckage site where a helicopter carrying four women and three men, including billionaire coal entrepreneur Chris Cline and his daughter, crashed outside a string of islands Cline owned in the Bahamas, Friday, July 5, 2019.

Associated Press

Authorities have said it is too early to draw conclu-

sions about the cause of the crash. They do not believe a distress call was made, and they only began searching after police received a report from Florida that the craft had failed to arrive in Fort Lauderdale as expected.

Those killed included Cline's 22-year-old daughter, Kameron, and three of her close friends: Brittney Layne Searson, Jillian Clark, and Delaney Wykle. Searson, Clark and Kameron Cline were recent graduates of Louisiana State University. Wykle had recently graduated from West Virginia University. Brad Ullman, executive director of the West Virginia Golf Association,

confirmed that David Jude also was killed in the crash. Bahamas Police Supt. Shanta Knowles said Saturday that Geoffrey Painter of Barnstable in the United Kingdom also was killed, and she confirmed the other victims' identities to The Associated Press.

Cline began toiling in the mines of southern West Virginia at a young age, rising through the ranks of his father's company quickly before forming his own energy development business, the Cline Group, which grew into one of the country's top coal producers.

He went on to amass a fortune and became a major Republican donor. □

LOCAL



ORANJESTAD — Super Center Ling & Sons has a huge make-over going on that is in its final phase. The successful supermarket has a solid position on the island and a trustworthy image that makes customers feel like they are shopping at home. Manager Omar Barrientos elaborates on the new look of the store. "We are improving the shopping experience for the customer to feel comfortable in a great-looking store that offers all they need." Together with his team, they magically turn the store into a dream supermarket. Hear us out how they do that!

Walk Along With Us

When entering the Ling & Sons premises in the near future the difference is immediately evident as the entrances will be wider and the parking lot remodeled with LED lightning. The façade of the store welcomes you with a fresh look while outside sitting areas are waiting for you to enjoy your fresh cup of coffee or a smoothie. "We will have Italian coffee machines and a selection of sandwiches, pastries and more," says Omar. After this warm welcome, you take a stroll to indulge in the colorful world of fruits and veggies. "We have the largest and best quality selection on the island and all Tuesdays even 20% off." A fresh fruit center will cut your fruit to grab-and-go daily, and if you lack time or you may buy a fruit platter to your convenience. "Healthy lifestyle is the thing now and here you can get any vitamin boost you are looking for."

Just behind the produce area is the fish and meat department with the fresh meat counter ready to offer the best steaks on the island. The fish department offers their homemade salads that go great with your BBQ and a wide assortment of fresh fish and sea food. But in case you need more, just turn around and you will find the frozen seafood in the coffin freezer. "Yes, we do have that," is the standard answer in Ling & Sons. The juice department, dairy department and eight aisles



complete your shopping experience, there is even a special diet aisle where people with certain conditions can find all their products they need, together. The state-of-the-art refrigerator cases hold large assortment of frozen products. "In the back of the store there is the full range bakery to pick up your fresh baked bread", Omar explains. "In the front, a liquor store and drugstore provide your last but not least necessities and with 14 checkout counters instead of 8 we had it is a quick and efficient way out! Some departments will have their own checkout counter to smoothen the process even more."

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You need to make a complete change to reach perfectionism, says Omar. "But we kept that warm, homey feeling in as that is our unique point." During the renovation process the supermarket stayed open to be able to continue serving their customers. "We work overnight, in about one and a half month we should be ready." Omar has been in this business for over 20 years and has worked throughout the Caribbean in such islands as Jamaica, Barbados, St. Lucia and the Dominican Republic. "The assortment here at Ling & Sons I find impressive. It reflects the many nationalities that come and shop here. Besides our broad assortment of American and European products, we are number one in Filipino products. There is a special Indian and ethnic aisle, and we have kosher products." Important to mention is that local farmers are supported, you can find their products at Ling & Sons. Over the course of the years, Ling & Sons has proven to be successful. Their service, the quality, and the assortment of products for years carry a solid reputation. I say: "If you don't find it here, you can't find it anywhere." □

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Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami kicks off new Spay & Neuter Program 2019 - 2020

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EAGLE BEACH — Reorganized as a foundation, the board of Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami announces the kick-off of its new spay and neuter program for July 2019 – June 2020. This program was initiated, and mainly sponsored, by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, supported by the Aruba Tourism Authority and Aruba Tourism Enhancement Fund. The program offered subsidized and fully paid spay and neuter operations for rescue organizations and individual pet owners and enabled sterilization of roughly 11,000 local dogs and cats between 2016 – 2018.

Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami intends to reduce the population of dogs and cats by means of spay & neutering on Aruba, offering subsidized surgeries to all. The prices are approximately 50% of the normal costs of a spay or neuter surgery. The costs for surgery in 2019 is: Female dog: Afl 150, Male Dog Afl 85, Female Cat 80, Male Cat

Afl 35. A microchip and placement of the chip, and simple HTC blood test are included in the price. Dogs and cats need to be registered online at: www.stimamisterilisami.com and need to be at least 6 months to do the surgery. Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami works closely together with the rescue foundations, all veterinarians,



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and the "National Plan" (Problematica Kill cage, ley di cacho y cacho riba caya), introduced by Dr. Irene Croes & Dr. Dellanire Maduro.

"Our goal is to eliminate the suffering of dogs and cats, improve the quality of life for our local residents and to improve the image of our island in the eyes of our visitors", says Ewald Biemans, Chairman of the board of Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami. "Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort will match contributed funds Florin to Florin, up to AWG 300,000 for this coming year." "We aim to raise at least a total of AWG 600,000 to be able to sterilize 5000-6000 dogs and cats within a year and to be able to continue with the plan into the future, as long as it is needed," adds

Biemans. The Aruba Product Enhancement Fund pledged a contribution of Afl 125,000, and an anonymous sponsor Afl 100,000, towards the spay & neuter program for the year of 2019.

The board of directors of Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami consists of: List of participating veterinarians: Ewald Biemans – Chairman of the board Animal Care Clinic Rik van der Berg – Vice Chairman Animal Health Veterinary Hospital Emile de Cuba Jr. – Treasurer Contreras Veterinary Services Suzanne van Grinsven – Secretary Veterinary Clinics Aruba Louella Brezovar – Director at Large Yesenia Arends – Director at Large. Please visit: www.stimamisterilisami.com for more information □



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25 years corporation in counterdrugs operations between the Dutch Navy and the USA

SAVANETA — Stopping the flow of illicit drugs in the Caribbean is a team effort. 25 years ago the Royal Netherlands Navy joined JIATF-S in Key West, FL. The Commander of the Dutch forces in the Caribbean took up the role of Commander Task Group 4.4 (CTG4.4) and has been part of the international effort against illicit trafficking in the region ever since.

Recently the Dutch Navy ship HNLMS Groningen visited Key West, where the Director JIATFS RADM DeQuattro and Deputy Director RDML Keck were welcomed aboard to celebrate 25 years of close cooperation between The Netherlands and the United States.

As CTG4.4 the Dutch Navy helps to improve regional security. The smaller (islands) states of the Caribbean, including the islands of the Dutch Caribbean, can't fight organized crime and the flow of illicit trafficking of drugs and weapons on their own. International partnerships form the solution. In JIATFS 20 countries from the Latin American and Caribbean regions work together to combat illicit trafficking.

Drugs are a worldwide problem. In the Caribbean region most of the drugs smuggled across are cocaine, on its way to the US or Europe. Often it comes together with illegal migration and guns trafficking. Every year violence related to drugs trafficking results in the loss of life of hundreds of people, of which many are innocent. The drug problem weighs heavy on society, accounting for significant costs in health care, law enforcement and prevention. □





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MENDOZA-HEGGIE couple are Aruba Symphony Festival “Gold Partners”

ORANJESTAD — Every year Francisco Mendoza (Venezuelan) and his wife Maureen Heggie (Chilean) enjoy the Aruba Symphony Festival concerts at the Cas di Cultura where Don Francisco has no problem entering on his wheelchair. The Aruba Symphony Festival and Academy is an international event where every year, first-class musicians from around the

globe make Aruba their destination. During these 12 intensive days of music-making, guest artists and students from more than 15 countries give the happy island an unforgettable experience with full-house concerts, workshops, conferences and classes led by celebrated international artists. Most of these concerts are FREE, some have a small admission and NEW

is that the festival offers VIP packages this year. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Don Francisco and Maureen have lived in Aruba since 2014, and the day they heard that the Festival needs financial help, they deposited the amount of 5,000 florins in the Festival's bank account.



Clyde Harms, Honorary President of Aruba Symphony Festival presents VIP Access tickets to the Mendoza – Heggie couple that donated AWG 5,000. Photo courtesy Milagro Harms

With this donation the couple qualified for Gold Partnership with the Festival and last week Clyde Harms, the Honorary President of the Festival and his wife (Venezuelan) went to thank them personally for their generous tax free donation. Remembering how cordial they have been received by the people of Aruba, Don Francisco and Doña Maureen have a great affection for our island and they say that their contribution to the Festival is a way to show their gratitude. They feel that the Festival is important for the cultural, educational and social development of the island.

Aruba Symphonic Festival hopes that others will follow the Mendoza couple's example and contribute to help the Foundation in its efforts to present world renowned musicians. Of course, every one according to his/her financial capacity. Let's keep this high quality festival that offers entrance for FREE or a small contribution running!

There are various ways to support the Festival: With a transfer to the Nuevo Mundo Foundation, Aruba Bank account number 601108190; obtaining VIP ACCESS tickets for a donation of 200 florins; attending the concerts and other events sponsored by the Festival.

VIP ACCESS and admission tickets to the Inaugural and closing concerts are ob-

tainable at Cas di Cultura, at all book stores, at the four Aruba Vision Center stores, and from the Festival Board members: Alberto Perret-Gentil (aperret@perretingenieros.com), Johnny Croes (johnnycroes62@gmail.com), Clyde Harms (clydeharms@yahoo.com) and Orietta Mansur (oriettamansur@gmail.com). Admission tickets to the inaugural or closing concerts cost only 35 florins for adults, 20 florins for youngsters up to 18 years old. VIP ACCESS tickets cost 200 florins and give access to reserved seating area at all venues, Cas di Cultura, Ritz-Carlton, Paseo Herencia, Casibari Café and on board the Freewinds.

Aruba Symphonic Festival starts on the 17th and closes with the Gala concert on the 27th.

As in other years, the programs are quite varied, and will again have musicians and students from some 15 countries. One of the most interesting events on the program will not be musical, but a lecture by a famous musician: Dr. Benjamin Zander, founder and director of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Zander is also the co-author of the book The Art of Possibility and world renowned for his lectures. It will indeed be a privilege to hear Dr. Zander's live presentation. Dr. Benjamin Zander is a member of the International Board of Advisors of the Aruba Symphony Festival. □

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Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

STANDARDS

ORANJESTAD — Standards or standard operating procedures are probably the most common words in hospitality speech. We are nothing if not standardized. Recently there's been a lot of conversations in and around appearance standards and if they are outdated and potentially racist, sexist or ageist.

The start of June here has been no different, maintenance is busy cleaning out the gutters, securing any loose panels and generally making sure our generators are working properly. The security team is busy replenishing first aid supplies in every department, scheduling emergency response trainings and doing drills to keep everyone sharp and on their toes. All in an effort to ensure we are prepared in case of any eventuality.

The current season so far has been relatively calm so far as is the standard for June, however we have been experiencing unusual amounts of dust blowing off the sub Saharan coast. Which is why it looks near foggy in the distances and also higher than normal winds. It's the reason why the Aruba hi-winds competition is held during these months it's perfect wind and beach conditions. Of course we have had near constant wind advisories and rough water adviso-

ries. If you're staying at the high rise hotels this isn't that much of a problem since the waters on that end are mostly calm. However if you're staying on the low rise side between Bucuti and Costa Linda and our hotel in particular Casa Del Mar the waters can be a bit more active due to being on a point. It's great for some light boogie boarding most times, but once the advisories kick up the water takes on a life of its own and can be tough even for the best of swimmers.

It's one of those times where even if you're in vacation mode, you need to be much more alert and careful of the water before going in. Recently there have been a few incidents at some of the beaches resulting in minor incidents such as a sprained ankle by someone who got hit by a rogue wave to a few more serious injuries.

Every hotel has security staff and all employees as stated are trained in first aid,

emergency response and living on an island we are all capable of swimming or taught how to swim. It doesn't mean though that any members of staff or security are trained in rescue swimming and certainly we don't have the appropriate equipment to perform rough water rescues. That's the reason why personal responsibility is important and knowledge of your physical condition and swimming ability. On days when there are strong cur-

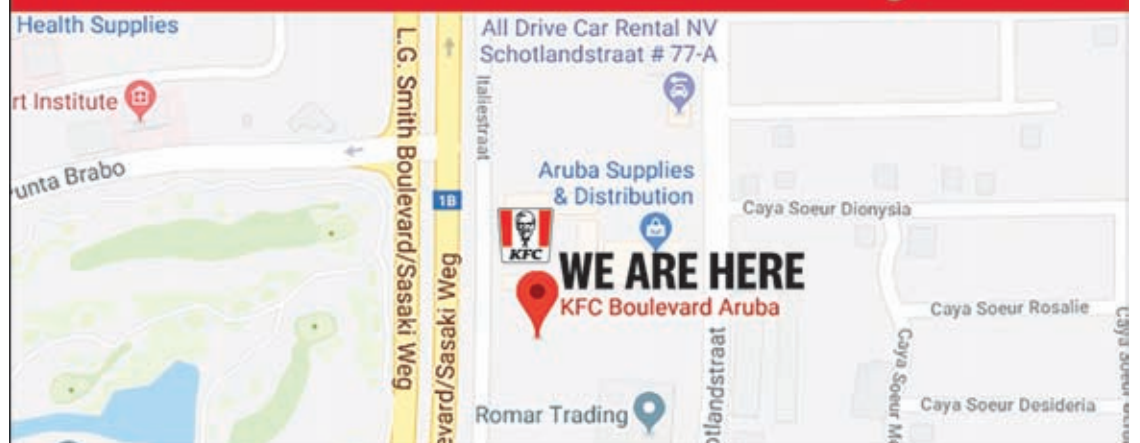
rents, the best thing to do is stay at the shallow end of the water or better yet use the pool. If drunk then please stay away from the sea all together, it's ridiculous how many times staff have to fish drunk people out of the water.

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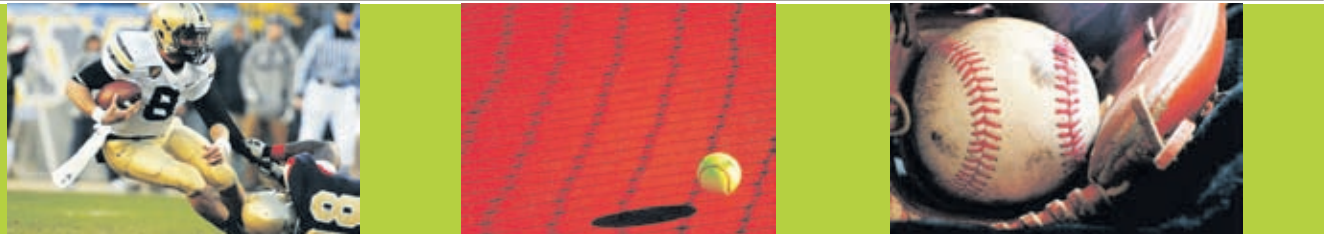
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Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

SPORTS



Jon Jones is congratulated for his victory over Thiago Santos after their light heavyweight mixed martial arts title bout at UFC 239 on Saturday, July 6, 2019, in Las Vegas. Jones won by split decision.

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Amanda Nunes wins big, Jon Jones squeaks decision at UFC 239

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Amanda Nunes won in spectacular fashion. Jon Jones barely hung on. Both champions still emerged from UFC 239 with their belts around their waists. Nunes stopped Holly Holm late in the first round to defend her bantamweight title, and Jones squeaked out a split-decision victory over Thiago Santos to defend his light heavyweight title on Saturday night.

A two-division champion on a nine-fight winning streak, Nunes (18-4) remained the pound-for-pound ruler of her sport with her usual devastating flair. After she floored Holm (12-5) with a perfectly timed kick to the head, she mercilessly finished Holm with punches on the ground with 50 seconds left in the first round.

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GIRLS LIKE YOU

U.S. wins 4th World Cup title

The United States players hold the trophy celebrating at the end of the Women's World Cup final soccer match between US and The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Sunday, July 7, 2019. The US defeated the Netherlands 2-0.

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U.S. beats Dutch 2-0, wins 2nd World Cup title, in a row

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

LYON, France (AP) — Megan Rapinoe stood on the field, arms outstretched, striking her now trademark victory pose symbolizing the confidence of a U.S. team that celebrated and savored each triumph at the Women's World Cup. Rapinoe won the Golden Ball as top player and the Golden Boot as top scorer, and the United States backed up its sometimes brash dominance by winning while simultaneously making a strong statement for gender equity.

"We've done exactly what we set out to do, done exactly what we wanted to do, said what we feel," Rapinoe said. "All of us, really. I know sometimes my voice is louder, but everybody is in this together. We're such a proud and strong and defiant group of women."

The U.S. won its record fourth Women's World Cup title and second in a row, beating the Netherlands 2-0 Sunday night when Rapinoe converted a tie-breaking penalty kick in the second half and Rose Lavelle added a goal.

Rapinoe scored in the 61st minute after a video review determined Stefanie van der Gragt had fouled Alex Morgan with a kick to the shoulder while competing for deflected pass in the penalty area.

Two days past her 34th birthday, Rapinoe slotted the ball past Sari van Veenendaal for her sixth goal of the tournament. She became the oldest player to score in a Women's World Cup final.

"Getting to play at the highest level of the World Cup with the team we have is just ridiculous. But to be able to couple that with everything on the field and to back up all of those words with performances and to back up all of those performances with words, it's just incredible," Rapinoe said. "I feel like this team is in the midst of changing the world around us as we live, and it's just an incredible feeling."



United States' team celebrates with trophy after winning the Women's World Cup final soccer match between US and The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

Lavelle, at 24 the team's up-and-coming star, added her third goal of the tournament on an 18-yard left-footed shot in the 69th after a solo run from the center circle.

"It's been a long journey. It doesn't seem real yet. I haven't hit me, it's so surreal, to be part of this group and to play with these players," Lavelle said.

The month-long journey isn't over quite yet for players who captured the hearts of a nation. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio needed just a few seconds after the match to invite the team to a ticker-tape parade up the Canyon on Heroes in Manhattan on Wednesday.

Fans, many dressed in red, white and blue, chanted "Equal Pay!" at the final whistle, a reminder players sued the U.S. Soccer Federation in March claiming gender discrimination. The sides have agreed to mediate the lawsuit.

Rapinoe drew the ire of U.S. President Donald Trump during the tournament by saying she would refuse to visit the White House. Trump called out Rapinoe on Twitter, saying she should never "disrespect our Country, the White House, or our Flag, especially since so much has been done for

her & the team." He said he would invite the team win or lose.

But shortly the title game Trump posted: "Congratulations to the U.S. Women's Soccer Team on winning the World Cup! Great and exciting play. America is proud of you all!"

Rapinoe also called out FIFA on the eve of the championship, suggesting soccer's governing body was not doing enough to grow the women's game, pointing to unequal prize money and the scheduling of the final on the same day as the championships of the CONCACAF Gold Cup in Chicago and the Copa America final in Brazil.

Whether unequal treatment from soccer officials will change is uncertain. The Americans' dominance in France is unquestioned.

They never trailed at the tournament and set records with 26 goals and a 12-game World Cup winning streak dating to 2015. Jill Ellis became the first coach to lead a team to two Women's World Cup titles, and the U.S. joined Germany in 2003 and 2007 as the only repeat champions.

"It's just chemistry. They put their hearts and soul into this journey," Ellis said. "They made history."

FIFA president Gianni Infantino handed over the trophy, a stark contrast to four years ago in Canada, when then-president Sepp Blatter was a no-show as U.S. prosecutors investigated corruption in soccer's governing body. While the U.S. had four titles, Germany is the only other nation with even two.

With confidence that some called even arrogance — triggering a backlash that the angry response was sexist — this American team established a standard that exceeded the U.S. champions of 1991, 1999 and 2015, becoming a goal for all others to match. Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain were among the former American players joined the current generation for the postgame celebration. Tobin Heath made angels in the fallen confetti.

Alyssa Naeher, the 31-year-old who succeeded Hope Solo in goal, faced repeated questions entering the tournament but allowed just three goals and finished with her fourth shutout.

The U.S. had scored within the first 12 minutes of its previous six matches but the European champions sat back to keep their defensive shape and kept the score 0-0 through the first half.

Video review, adopted by FIFA for the men's World Cup last year, showed its impact when Stephanie Frappart, the first woman to referee a men's Ligue 1 match, initially did not call the foul on Morgan, then went to the screen at the side of the field, watched replays and signaled toward the spot.

Rapinoe, who missed Tuesday's semifinal win over England with a hamstring injury, became the first woman to score on a penalty kick during a Women's World Cup final, her 50th goal in 158 international appearances. She ended the Netherlands' 317-minute scoreless streak and matched Morgan and England's Ellen White for most goals in the tournament, winning the Golden Ball based on fewer minutes.

Rapinoe was given a standing ovation when she was substituted in the 79th minute. The crowd of 57,900 at Stade de Lyon for Le Grand Finale included France President Emmanuel Macron.

Rebounding from a loss to Sweden on penalty kicks in the quarterfinals of the 2016 Olympics, the Americans opened the World Cup with a record 13-0 rout of lowly Thailand, triggering debate over whether the celebrations after each goal were excessive. Carli Lloyd responded the next match by following a goal with a polite golf clap. Then Morgan stirred it up again when she scored against England and celebrated as if sipping tea, pinkie outstretched.

Now, after all the memorable drama, they will have a fourth star above the crest on the team's jerseys and a higher platform to advance their cause.

"It's something that we've worked so hard for. All of us, individually, have just faced so much adversity through this whole journey," Morgan said. "We've been tested individually and collectively so much. So to see, four years ago, us go from two to three, and now three to four, it's really a dream come true." □

Matthew Wolff finishes 3M Open with eagle to win by 1

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
AP Sports Writer

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — Six weeks after winning the NCAA individual title with Oklahoma State, Matthew Wolff wrapped up just his third tournament as a professional. He took home a trophy and a PGA Tour card. Even if the 20-year-old was playing the 3M Open on a sponsor exemption in a field with far more accomplished players, Wolff's time as an amateur provided plenty of experience to sharpen both his competitiveness and confidence. That sure showed on the 18th green.

"I was born for moments like these," Wolff said. "I live for moments like these." Wolff made a 26-foot putt from the fringe for an eagle



Matthew Wolff kisses the trophy after winning the 3M Open golf tournament Sunday, July 7, 2019, in Blaine, Minn.

on the final hole to finish at 21 under par on Sunday, beating Collin Morikawa and Bryson DeChambeau

by one stroke in a tense finish to the first-time PGA Tour event.

"I completed everything I

wanted to in college and now I've done something that very few people could say they've done, and it makes me really happy," said Wolff, who became the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2013 to win a PGA Tour event before his 21st birthday. Wolff struck his second shot on the 573-yard, par-5 hole from the fairway to the far left of the green, where it landed just a few feet away from a bunker. He proceeded to sink the dramatic putt in front of a packed 18th gallery at the TPC Twin Cities.

"I'm usually not an emotional guy at all, but tears definitely came to my eyes when I stepped off and picked that ball up out of the hole," Wolff said. Morikawa had the opportunity

to forge a tie, but he just missed his eagle attempt from 22 feet away in the middle of the green. When the ball rolled on the left edge and about 3 feet too long, Morikawa winced.

"I hit a really good putt. I thought it was good from the start and once it got about halfway I knew it was a little low. What can you do?" said the 22-year-old Morikawa, who also turned pro this summer. His putt for birdie on the 17th horseshoed out.

The pair of newbies, who once played against each other on the California high school circuit and shared the lead with DeChambeau after the third round at 15 under, embraced on the green. Then Wolff began the celebration of the \$1.152 million prize and an automatic two-year exemption on the tour.

DeChambeau, playing directly in front of the Morikawa-Wolff pair, had just finished his up-and-down afternoon with an eagle to take the short-lived lead at 20 under. The lively crowd, which went five rows deep behind the ropes near the final green, roared when DeChambeau crushed his second shot 204 yards from the intermediate rough onto the green within 6 feet of the pin. The world's eighth-ranked player sank that putt to post one of seven eagles on 18 during the final round in yet more humid, wind-free conditions. DeChambeau, who had two of his three bogeys in the tournament on Sunday, figured he was headed for a playoff as he walked off.

"It's so competitive now. Anyone can win on any week. It's absolutely impressive," DeChambeau said. Canadian Adam Hadwin was fourth at 18 under. Carlos Ortiz finished in a tie for fifth with Wyndham Clark at 17 under after using seven birdies, including three of the last four holes, to shoot a 64. Ortiz, a native of Mexico still seeking his first tournament victory as a pro, had missed the cut in seven of his previous 10 events. □

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Big rain and big wreck leads to Haley's 1st career Cup win

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— Teeth chattering, hands shaking, stomach churning, Justin Haley anxiously waited for NASCAR to pull the plug on a rain-wrecked weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

A 500-1 longshot making just his third career Cup start, Haley won the rain-postponed, rain-shortened race at Daytona on Sunday. He inherited the lead after a 17-car accident decimated the field and a lightning strike forced NASCAR to stop the race.

Haley waited out the delay in a conference room inside the historic speedway, admittedly too nervous to do more than pray for the skies to open and the race to be called once and for all.

The wait of 2 hours, 12 minutes was well worth it for the 20-year-old Indiana native driving for first-year team Spire Motorsports. They celebrated in a makeshift indoor victory lane and were warmly greeted by manufacturer Chevrolet, which has now won two straight races after a miserable start to the season.

"I had no expectation to win this race," said Haley, admitting he'd have quickly been passed for the lead if the race resumed.

"We were just trying to keep the fenders on it. That was the whole goal of the race, to finish with no scratches. Yes, I really did pray for rain."

The race — the last surrounding the July Fourth holiday at Daytona since the event began in 1959 — was scheduled for Saturday night but forced into Sunday afternoon because of persistent rain and lightning that washed out most

of this final Independence Day party at NASCAR's birthplace. The race is be-

500 winner, defended his racing. "I really thought it was kind of urgent be-

NASCAR as an agency representing drivers and sponsors but last year pur-

put a lot of money in a lot of people's pockets in this garage. There's a lot of people out there that think we're doing this as a cash grab the way the charter system works.

"Quite frankly, that's not true. Jeff Dickerson said, 'We believe in this sport. We believe in the platform that NASCAR provides.' This is the American dream. We did it early, and it's not lost on me that luck was on our side today. But I'm not going to feel bad about at all. I'm going to love it. We're going to continue to be the 'Little Engine That Could' and build this thing as best we can and go from there."

KESELOWSKI CRASH: Brad Keselowski has crashed out of five of his last six Cup races at Daytona. His latest incident occurred in the second stage when his Ford turned right into the wall after Kevin Harvick gave him a strong push from behind. It was Keselowski who set the tone for the racing earlier this week when he refused to lift during a Thursday practice session when William Byron tried to block him. Byron wrecked and Keselowski admitted he was sending a message that he's not giving an inch when drivers block on the track.

He was asked after Sunday's crash if his incident was caused by Keselowski blocking or Harvick pushing too hard.

"That would feel really good for some people on Twitter," he said. "Nah, it looked like Kevin was trying to give me a really good push and just didn't have enough grip and I lost it."

UP NEXT: NASCAR goes to Kentucky Speedway on Saturday night, where Martin Truex Jr. routed the field last season. □



Justin Haley poses for photos with his trophy after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Sunday, July 7, 2019, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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ing moved next year to August as the regular-season finale.

As the clouds darkened over the track at the start of the third and final stage, drivers picked up the intensity and started racing as if the event would end at the first drop of rain.

Clint Bowyer pulled out of line and tried to pass Austin Dillon for the lead, but Dillon would not relinquish the spot. His Chevrolet wiggled, Bowyer hit him from behind in his Ford, and because they were at the front of the field, it caused a huge wreck.

"I guess he didn't want me to pass him," Bowyer said. "I got under him and he blocked and he just finally wrecked us all."

Dillon, a former Daytona

cause of the lightning and rain coming," he said. "It's part of this kind of racing. I was being aggressive and trying to keep the lead." As he spoke, lightning crackled above his head, "and there's a lightning strike right there."

With that, NASCAR had to stop the race and bring the remaining cars to pit road as a safety precaution. The move came just minutes after Kurt Busch, who had slid through the massive accident to take the lead, made a quick pit stop.

Busch relinquished the lead because he thought the race was one lap away from resuming, and Xfinity Series regular Haley cycled into the lead. He was making his third Cup start for Spire, which started in

chased one of the charters Furniture Row Racing left behind when the team folded at the end of last season.

Team co-owners T.J. Puchyr and Jeff Dickerson took out a \$6 million bank loan for the charter, hoping the value of it would repay the note while helping them transition into a true race team. They needed the huge accident, Busch's decision to pit and then yet another heavy rainstorm to become winners in their 17th Cup race.

"It's obviously a huge, huge moment to win at the pinnacle of our sport, at Daytona no less. This is it. This is the World Center of Racing," Puchyr said. "We just want to be in control of our own destiny. We've

Defending Tour champion Thomas opens up gaps on rivals



Team Jumbo Visma strains during the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a team time trial over 27.6 kilometers (17 miles) with start and finish in Brussels, Belgium, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Just two days into the Tour de France, Geraint Thomas is already putting daylight between himself and some of the riders dreaming of dethroning the reigning champion.

Thomas, who claimed his first Tour win last summer, answered questions surrounding his form and fitness in a dominant fashion during Sunday's short team time trial around the streets of Brussels.

His Ineos team did not win the stage but the 33-year-old Welshman gained precious seconds on rivals, including French duo Romain Bardet and Thibaut Pinot, former Tour champion Vincenzo Nibali, climber Nairo

Quintana, Adam Yates and Jakob Fuglsang.

Thomas arrived at the Tour on the back of a rather mundane season and no victory to his name. Even worse, he crashed out of his final preparation race last month, and endured another setback, though minor, when he was caught in a pile-up near the finish of Saturday's opening stage. With the No. 1 bib on his back, Thomas, a former track specialist, showed no signs of weakness following his spill. He took solid turns at the front and led his teammates across the finish line close to the Atomium, the iconic Brussels monument built for the 1958 World Fair. The only team riding faster than Ineos on Sunday was the Dutch outfit Jumbo-

Visma, which covered the 27.6-kilometer course (17.1-mile) in 28 minutes, 58 seconds, keeping the yellow jersey on Mike Teunissen's shoulders.

They were 20 seconds faster than Thomas and his teammates, with Deceuninck Quick-Step completing the podium, 21 seconds off the pace.

"Looking at GC (general classification), it's a good performance," said Thomas. "It was a positive day for sure."

Teunissen's teammate Steven Kruijswijk is now the best placed overall contender, who sits third overall with a 20-second lead over Thomas and Egan Bernal, the co-leader at Ineos this summer in the absence of four-time champion Chris

Froome.

Even without Froome — the dominant Grand Tour rider in recent years and an expert in the race against the clock — Ineos was still able to replicate its result from last year's team time trial. Dylan van Baarle, who replaced Froome in the team, was up to the task and there was no weak link on the road.

"We took some time on some good GC riders today, so it was perfect for us," Bernal said.

Before the race leaves Belgium on Monday, Thomas and Bernal gained 12 seconds on Pinot, 16 seconds on Nibali, and 21 seconds on Yates and Fuglsang. They opened more significant gaps with Quintana (45 seconds) and Bardet,

the day's big loser who conceded 59 seconds.

After rolling down first from the start ramp near Brussels' Royal Palace, Ineos riders stayed in the lead for two hours until Jumbo-Visma, the last team to set off, bettered their time in an impressive performance.

Putting on a well-choreographed display, the Dutch team's riders covered the route at an average speed of 57.2 kph (35.5 mph), close to the record of 57.8 set by Orica-GreenEdge when they won the 2013 team time trial on a similar distance.

"We went hard from the start. We heard we were the fastest ... We were flying," Teunissen said.

The first Dutch rider to wear the race leader's jersey in 30 years, Teunissen was a surprise winner of Saturday's opening leg. Surrounded by teammates best-suited for the flat terrain, including former time trial world champion Tony Martin, Teunissen did not play second-fiddle in his aerodynamic skinsuit and helmet.

"Yesterday it was a dream come true, and it's the case today again," he said. "It's not that I'm getting used to winning stages at the Tour de France but it's two out of two now and it's really, really nice."

Teunissen now leads teammate Wout Van Aert by 10 seconds in the general classification. Jumbo-Visma riders monopolize the five top spots, with Kruijswijk in third place.

After two days in Belgium, the peloton will enter France during Monday's Stage 3 which leads riders from the Belgian town of Binche to Epernay in the Champagne region. □

Rahm shoots 62, wins Irish Open for second time in 3 years

LAHINCH, Ireland (AP) — Jon Rahm captured the Irish Open title for the second time in three years after shooting 8-under 62 in the final round to win by two strokes on Sunday.

It was the Spaniard's second victory of 2019, after winning the Zurich Classic team event on the PGA Tour with Ryan Palmer in April, and the fourth victory in two years on the European Tour. Rahm tamed the Lahinch links in western Ireland

by making an eagle and eight birdies, including one from 3 feet at No. 14 after an approach with a 5-iron from rough right of the fairway. He finished on 16-under 264.

Rafa Cabrera-Bello started the day a shot behind third-round leader Robert Rock but was in front by two strokes after making three birdies in his first five holes. He was soon passed by the rampaging Rahm, and fell away by bogeying

four of the first six holes of the back nine.

Andy Sullivan and Bernd Wiesberger both shot 66 and were tied for second place. Rock (70), Cabrera-Bello (69) and Eddie Pepperell (69) were tied for fourth, a further shot back.

Rock, Wiesberger and Paul Waring all earned spots in the British Open for being the highest finishers in the top 10 among players who aren't otherwise exempt. □



Amanda Nunes of Brazil lands a kick on Holly Holms that knocked her to the mat in the first round of their bantamweight title mixed martial arts bout during UFC 239 in Las Vegas on Saturday, July 6, 2019. Nunes won in the first round.

Amanda Nunes

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"I told my coaches I wanted to knock her out the same way she knocks people out," Nunes said of her opponent, an accomplished kickboxer. "I did it tonight. She was the only former champion I didn't beat yet. Now I beat her, and I'm very happy." Jones (25-1) had much more trouble with Santos (21-7), who nearly scrapped his way to victory despite injuring his left knee early in the fight. Jones fought cautiously and earned a 48-47 decision on two of the three judges' scorecards.

"He implemented a game plan I think a lot of people have wanted to for a very long time," Jones said. "He did a good job. He exploited a hole in my game that won't be there next time."

Until Jones' tactical victory, UFC 239 was all about violence.

Jorge Masvidal knocked out previously unbeaten Ben Askren with a sensational flying knee just 5 seconds into their bout on a card peppered with jaw-dropping finishes until Jones' decision.

Jan Blachowicz also knocked out Luke Rockhold with a devastating left hand in the second round of ex-champ Rockhold's light heavyweight debut.

Nunes took a few minutes to find her groove against Holm, who famously knocked out Ronda Rousey with a head kick nearly four years ago. When Nunes felt comfortable, she unleashed a sophisticated array of strikes and eventually caught Holm with a kick that sent her straight to the canvas. Nunes completed the knockout with punches, sending Holm to her fifth loss in seven fights.

After her fourth successful bantamweight defense, Nunes said she wants to defend the 145-pound belt next. UFC President Dana White is trying to book a rematch with long-reigning featherweight champion Cris "Cyborg" Justino, who lasted just 51 seconds against Nunes in December.

"This woman is tough, man," White said of Nunes. "She's unbelievable. Pound for pound, one of the greatest of all time. But there will be somebody next."

Jones was a significant favorite against Santos, a longtime middleweight who moved up in weight last year. But Santos' power and energy caused problems for Jones from the opening minutes, forcing the champion to be cautious and to use his superior length. "We all knew Thiago's best chance was to knock me out," Jones said. "I played it smart and brought home this gold for my family and team. He was technically a lot more sound than I thought. Thiago Santos is a black belt in Muay Thai. I'm proud of myself, because I stood with a guy who's been kickboxing way longer than me."

Santos landed several significant strikes in the first round, but Jones briefly floored the challenger with a big kick in the second.

"I thought I hit him more and out-pointed him, but with my knee like that, it was all I could do," Santos said. "I knew it was a very close fight. In the condition I was in, I thought I fought a good fight."

Jones found his rhythm midway through the fight, using his size to keep Santos away. Santos also hurt his knee along the way, although he kept striking even while he struggled for balance.

"I felt like I was winning, so there was no need to take him down," Jones said. "We were playing a very high level game of chess in there."

Masvidal (34-13) played a less complicated game to get his star-making finish. Masvidal authored one of the most dramatic knockouts in UFC history when he destroyed Askren (19-1), a high-level wrestler in his second UFC fight after a prosperous career in other promotions. Masvidal and Askren had an intense personal rivalry heading into the fight, exchanging voluminous trash talk rooted in years of mutual dislike. □

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Los Angeles Angels' Jonathan Lucroy, center, is helped by medical personnel after colliding with Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick during the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 7, 2019, in Houston.

Associated Press

Angels' Lucroy carted off, hospitalized after collision

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Los Angeles Angels catcher Jonathan Lucroy was carted off the field Sunday after a violent collision at the plate with Houston's Jake Marisnick, and manager Brad Ausmus thinks the league should consider suspending the Astros outfielder.

The team said Lucroy was taken to a hospital for a CT scan and is being evaluated for a possible concussion and nose fracture.

The bases were loaded with the game tied at 10 when Marisnick attempted to score on a sacrifice fly by George Springer in a game Houston won 11-10 in the 10th inning.

Marisnick crashed into Lucroy as he attempted to field the throw, and the catcher immediately fell on his back. He didn't move for a few seconds before struggling to sit up. Marisnick tagged home and then leaned over Lucroy to see if he was OK. He lifted his head off the ground a few seconds later as blood dripped from his nose.

"It certainly didn't look like a clean play," Ausmus said. "I don't know what actually happened, but it looked like Marisnick took a step to the left and bowled into him with his arm up. The call was right. Really, I think Major League Baseball should probably take a look at it. Consider some type of suspension, quite

frankly." Marisnick said he was trying to slide headfirst on the inside corner.

"I watched the play again and it looks — he just drops right in front of me and once I kind of made a decision, it was too late," he said. "It was a bad play and I hope he's OK."

Manager AJ Hinch said Marisnick certainly didn't intend to injure Lucroy.

"I don't fault Jake because he wasn't hunting him, he wasn't going after him," Hinch said.

"He tried to take a step on where Lucroy was going to go, and it's difficult in that little 1-3 foot circle where you're trying to figure out going at full speed what's going to happen. It just turned out to be an ugly play."

Marisnick added that he planned to reach out to Lucroy to check on him.

Angels players rushed to the plate as trainers checked on him.

He was lifted to a sitting position after a couple of minutes and held a towel to his nose. He was then helped to a cart and taken off the field while clutching a bloodstained towel.

Mike Trout didn't have a great view, but he sprinted in from center field to see if Lucroy was OK.

"I just saw that it was a pretty big collision," he said. "Just a scary situation."

Ausmus said he hadn't spoken to Lucroy since the game ended, but that he tried talking to him on the field and "he was pretty confused at the time." □

Mystery of NSA leak lingers as stolen document case winds up

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH and ERIC TUCKER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents descended on the suburban Maryland house with the flash and bang of a stun grenade, blocked off the street and spent hours questioning the homeowner about a theft of government documents that prosecutors would later describe as “breathtaking” in its scale.

The suspect, Harold Martin, was a contractor for the National Security Agency. His arrest followed news of a devastating disclosure of government hacking tools by a mysterious internet group calling itself the Shadow Brokers. It seemed to some that the United States might have found another Edward Snowden, who also had been a contractor for the agency.

“You’re a bad man. There’s no way around that,” one law enforcement official conducting the raid told Martin, court papers say. “You’re a bad man.”

Later this month, about three years after that raid, the case against Martin is scheduled to be resolved in Baltimore’s federal court. But the identity of the Shadow Brokers, and whoever was responsible for a leak with extraordinary national security implications, will remain a public mystery even as the case concludes.

Authorities have established that Martin walked off with thousands of pages of secret documents over a two-decade career in national security, most recently with the NSA, whose headquarters is about 15 miles from his home in Glen Burnie, Maryland. He pleaded guilty to a single count of willful retention of national defense information and faces a nine-year prison sentence under a plea deal.

Investigators found in his home and car detailed description of computer infrastructure and classified technical operations in a raid that took place two weeks after the Shadow Brokers surfaced online to advertise the sale of



In this June 6, 2013 file photo, the sign outside the National Security Administration (NSA) campus in Fort Meade, Md.

some of the NSA’s closely guarded hacking tools. Yet authorities have never publicly linked Martin or anyone else to the Shadow Brokers and the U.S. has not announced whether it suspects government insiders, Russian intelligence or someone else entirely.

The question is important because the U.S. believes North Korea and Russia relied on the stolen tools, which provide the means to exploit software vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure, in unleashing punishing global cyberattacks on businesses, hospitals and cities. The release, which occurred while the NSA was already under scrutiny because of Snowden’s 2013 disclosures, raised questions about the government’s ability to maintain secrets.

“It was extraordinarily damaging, probably more damaging than Snowden,” cybersecurity expert Bruce Schneier said of the Shadow Brokers leaks. “Those tools were a lot of money to design and create.”

Yet none of that is likely to be mentioned at Martin’s July 17 sentencing. The hearing instead will turn on dramatically different depictions of the enigmatic Martin, a Navy veteran, longtime government contractor — most recently at Booz Allen Hamilton — and doctoral candidate at the

time of his arrest.

Prosecutors allege Martin jeopardized national security by bringing home reams of classified information even as, they say, he once castigated colleagues as “clowns” for lax security measures. Soon after his arrest, they cast aspersions on his character and motives, citing a binge-drinking habit, his arsenal of unregistered weapons and online communication in Russian and other languages.

The agents who searched his house that August 2016 afternoon found a trove of documents in his car, home and a dusty, unlocked shed. The 50 terabytes of information from 1996 to 2016 included personal details of government employees and “Top Secret” email chains, handwritten notes describing the NSA’s classified computer infrastructure, and descriptions of classified technical operations.

Defense lawyers paint him as a compulsive hoarder whose quirky tendencies may have led him astray but who never betrayed his country.

“What began as an effort by Mr. Martin to be good at his job, to be better at his job, to be as good as he could be, to see the whole picture at his job, became something more complicated than that,” public defender James Wyda said

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at a 2016 detention hearing. “It became a compulsion.

“This was not Spycraft behavior,” he added. “This is not how a Russian spy or something like that would ever conduct business.”

It’s unclear how Martin came to the FBI’s attention, but a redacted court order from a judge suggests agents may have been looking for a Shadow Brokers link when they obtained search warrants for his Twitter account and property before the raid.

The December 2018 ruling from U.S. District Judge Richard Bennett notes that the FBI was investigating the online disclosure of stolen government property. It cites a Twitter message from an account allegedly belonging to Martin — @HAL_999999999 — that requested a meeting with someone whose name is blacked out and stated “shelf life, three weeks.”

In a likely reference to the Shadow Brokers disclosures, investigators said tweets from Martin’s account were sent hours before stolen government records were advertised and posted online. Investigators also alleged that Martin would have had access to the same classified information as what appeared online. The recipient of the message is redacted, although Politico reported it went to

the Moscow-based cybersecurity firm Kaspersky Lab, which in turn notified the U.S. Kaspersky declined to discuss the Martin case.

The roughly 20 officers who stormed Martin’s home did so with dramatic force, arriving with a battering ram and a “flash bang” device meant to cause temporary disorientation. State troopers shut down the road as agents interrogated Martin for four hours.

Martin was never charged with disclosing information and was accused only of unlawfully retaining defense information. The Shadow Brokers, which two weeks before Martin’s arrest surfaced on Twitter with the warning that it would auction off NSA hacking tools online, continued trickling out disclosures after Martin was in custody, a seeming indication that someone else may have been responsible.

Even so, his case refocused public attention on repeated government failures to safeguard some of the nation’s most highly classified information, with Martin one of several contractors accused of mishandling or spilling government secrets. Most notable is Snowden, a fellow Booz Allen contractor facing U.S. charges and living in Russia.

The NSA has since done more to protect its network and security and increased the monitoring of its employees, said security and counterintelligence director Marlisa Smith. Booz Allen scrambled to respond to Martin’s arrest, hiring ex-FBI director Robert Mueller to investigate. Since Martin’s arrest, the company said it has added policies to improve its review process of employees at hiring and to ensure managers are more in touch with their subordinates.

As for the mystery of who or what is behind the Shadow Brokers, there’s little certainty that the government will ever publicly resolve that lingering question, especially given the classified nature of the theft and the embarrassment it caused the U.S. □

Liz Weston: 3 sites to help aging parents organize details

By LIZ WESTON
NerdWallet
Associated Press

Certified financial planner Sean Fletcher of San Francisco knew his dad had an estate plan, complete with a health care directive detailing what medical treatment should be given in an emergency. When the father had a massive heart attack, though, no one knew where he kept those documents. Fletcher's family was lucky: An aunt found the paperwork in a closet. His mother was able to stop treatment according to his father's wishes so that he could die more peacefully. "Despite her misgivings, I believe this minor miracle gave my mom the confidence to carry out what she had agreed to do," Fletcher says.

It's not enough to be organized and responsible. We need to think about who will be responsible next. Fortunately, there are several sites that can facilitate that transition for our aging parents — and also for ourselves. In fact, the best way to introduce these sites to your parents may be to use them yourself. That way, you'll be familiar with how they work and can vouch for their helpfulness in getting information to the people who will need it.



This April 2017, file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

WHEALTHCARE

Whealthcare was co-founded by two people who specialize in the areas where health care meets finances: physician-turned-financial-planner Carolyn McClanahan and software developer Chris Heye, whose other company, Cogniscent, develops cognitive and behavioral assessments to aid older people in making sound financial decisions.

Users answer questions on the Whealthcare site, and these assessments are used to create a "financial caretaking plan" that identifies the issues they're likely to

face as they age. The service also provides a transition plan that allows trusted people to take over and a customized to-do list to make sure crucial documents are in place. (Powers of attorney allow others to make vital decisions if we're incapacitated, for example, and health care directives spell out what life-prolonging measures we do and don't want.) Another assessment gauges a person's risk for fraud, exploitation and bad financial decision-making, and offers recommendations for protecting against those threats. A "proactive

aging plan" helps people prepare for transitions in living arrangements, driving and health care decisions, allowing them to document their wishes. A feature called WhealthcareConnect can match people to financial advisers who specialize in issues facing older adults. The annual cost is \$39 for one individual plan, \$69 for a couple and \$149 for a family plan that includes up to five people.

EVERPLANS

Everplans is an online vault where you can store important documents, contacts, login credentials, instructions on what to do with your social media sites and anything else your family might need to know to handle your affairs. The site offers step-by-step guidance to identify and organize your important information, from insurance policies to pet care plans. If you're not comfortable uploading something to the site, you can leave instructions to help your family find what they need. You name "trusted deputies" and decide what they can access on the site, and when. You might give one deputy (say, your spouse) access to all the documents while another (perhaps your executor) gets access only after your death.

The service costs \$75 per year.

EVERSAFE

EverSafe monitors financial accounts for unusual activity, large transactions and other potential problems. The site alerts you via email, text or automated phone call and can be set up to signal trusted others, as well.

The basic service, which costs \$7.49 per month after a 30-day free trial, monitors bank and credit card accounts and the dark web, where your personal information may be for sale. For \$14.99 per month, you can add credit monitoring. For \$24.99, the site will monitor investment accounts as well. An additional \$4.99-per-month service monitors your home and other real estate for new liens or defaults on your property.

I found the dark web monitoring particularly interesting and was surprised at how many of my passwords had been exposed in various breaches. It was good motivation to change my passwords — and to make sure my trusted deputies could access the new ones. Because protecting all my information and accounts won't do much good if my family can't find what they need when I'm gone. □

Deutsche Bank to slash 18,000 jobs in sweeping restructuring

By DAVID McHUGH
Associated

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Germany's struggling Deutsche Bank said Sunday it will cut 18,000 jobs by 2022, downsizing its volatile investment banking division in a sweeping restructuring aimed restoring consistent profitability and improving returns to its shareholders. The Frankfurt-headquartered bank said it would cut roughly a quarter of its total cost base through steps such as dropping the investment bank's stock-trading business.

It will also slim down its division focused on fixed-income investments. By doing that, the bank is to focus on areas with steadier

earnings such as serving corporate customers.

The bank would also create a separate unit to dispose of investments that are less profitable or no longer fit its strategy. The bank said it did not expect to have to raise additional capital from shareholders.

The job cuts would reduce the workforce to 74,000. The bank would not say where the cuts would fall; many of its investment banking activities are carried out in New York and London.

The move follows the failure of merger talks with German rival Commerzbank. Deutsche Bank said the combination would not make business sense, but that left open the question

of what strategy the bank could pursue to make its business leaner and more profitable.

For years, Deutsche Bank has struggled with regulatory penalties and fines, weak profits, high costs and a falling share price. The bank went three straight years without turning an annual profit before recording positive earnings for 2018. CEO Christian Sewing took over last year and promised faster restructuring after predecessor John Cryan was perceived to have moved too slowly to restructure the bank.

The bank paid billions in fines and settlements related to behavior before and after the global financial

crisis, including a \$7.2 billion settlement in 2017 with the Justice Department over selling bonds based on mortgages to people with shaky credit. But that hasn't ended the negative headlines. Two congressional committees have subpoenaed Deutsche Bank documents as part their investigations into President Donald Trump and his

company. □



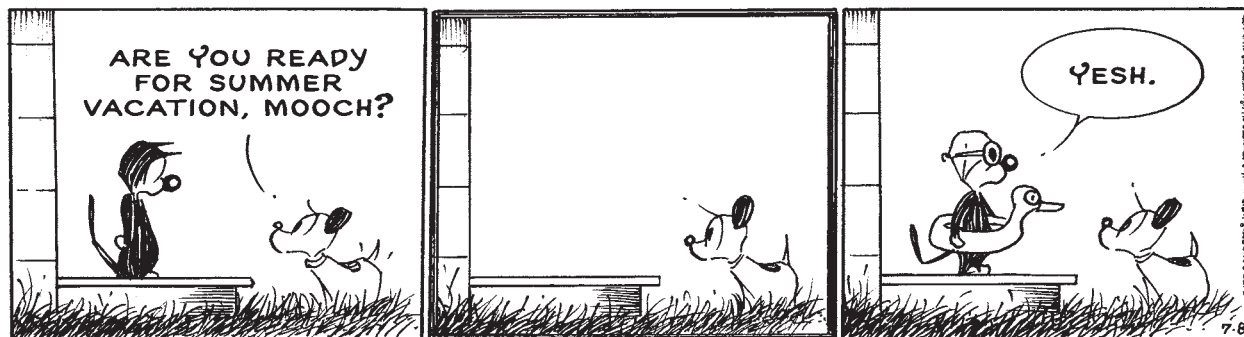
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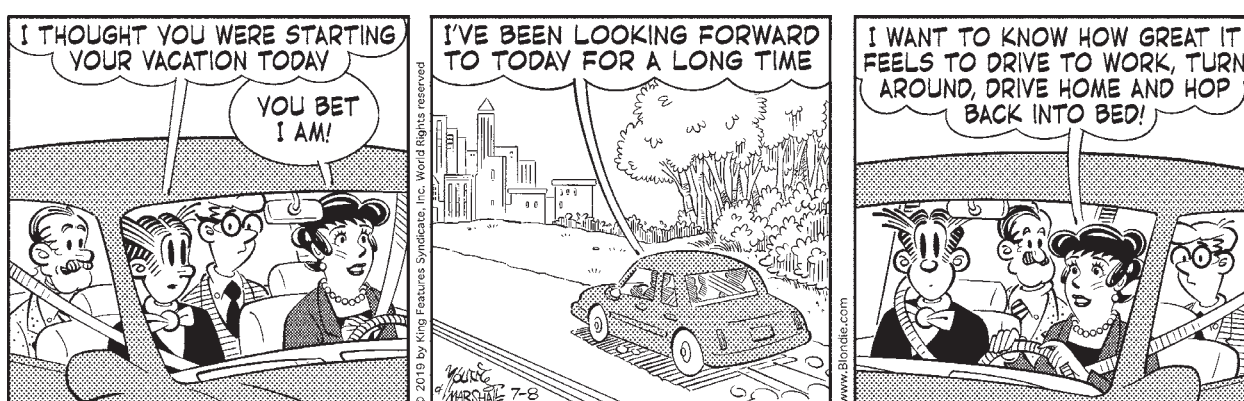
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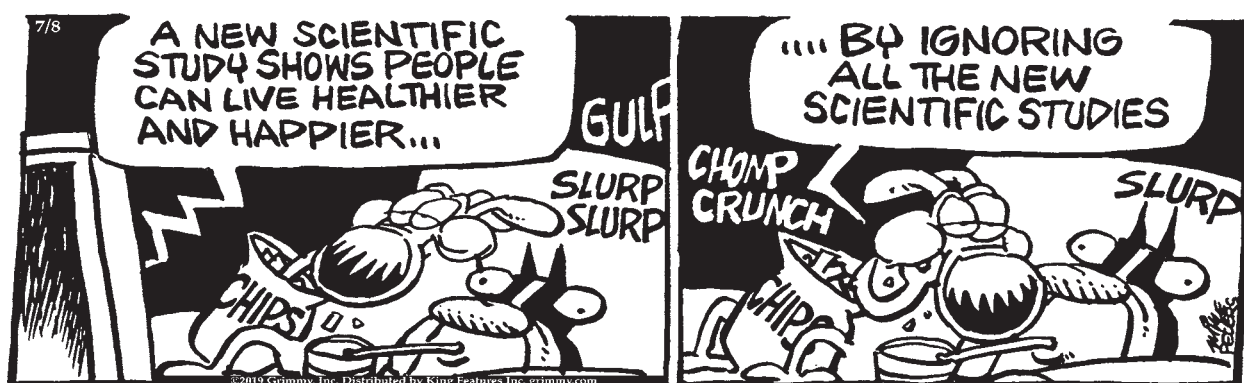
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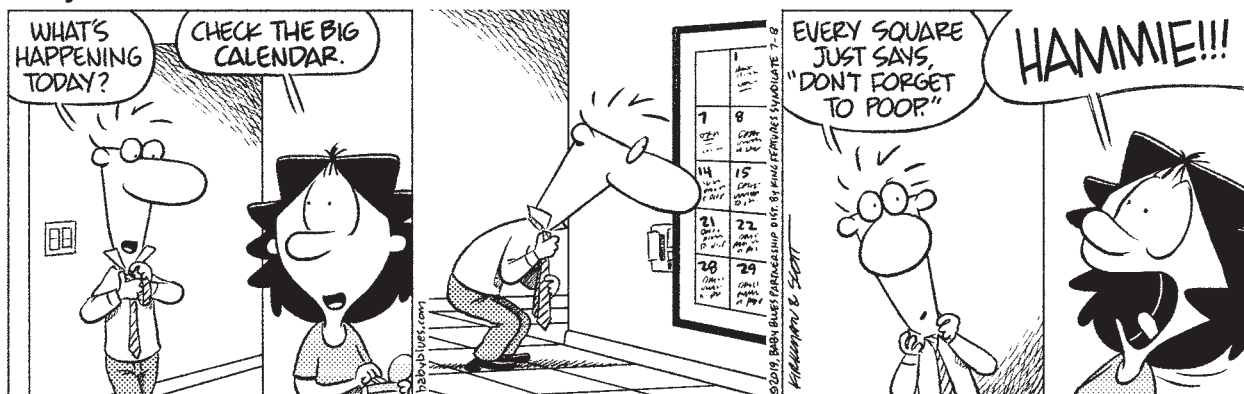
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3	9						2

Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

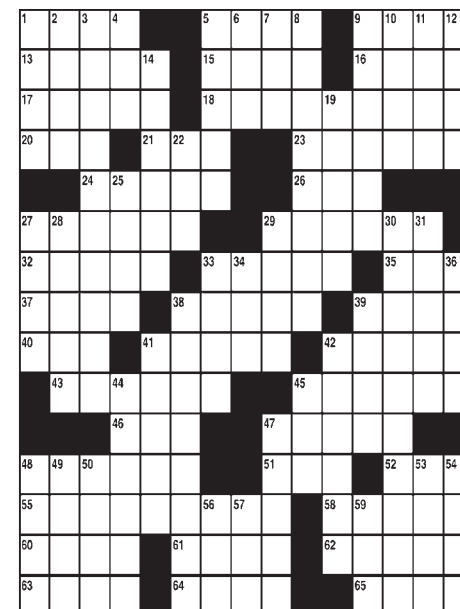
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1	6	7	3	9	2	5	4	8
8	9	2	5	4	7	6	3	1
2	4	1	6	8	9	7	5	3
7	8	3	2	5	4	1	6	9
9	5	6	7	3	1	4	8	2

ACROSS

- 1 Helvetica or Arial
- 5 Camry & Accord
- 9 Actor Jamie
- 13 ___ these days; eventually
- 15 Skip over
- 16 Maui feast
- 17 Man in a cast
- 18 Alertness
- 20 ___ go; release
- 21 Vaudevillian Olsen
- 23 Lines of travel
- 24 Recluse
- 26 Hightail it
- 27 Artificial; fake
- 29 Mr. Hoffman
- 32 Goes on and on
- 33 In good ___; fit
- 35 Silent assent
- 37 Sky sights
- 38 Hotel team
- 39 Alpha's follower
- 40 Sparkler
- 41 Waist accessories
- 42 Slanted edge
- 43 Take back one's words
- 45 Kudos
- 46 Third most-populous nation; abbr.
- 47 Yell
- 48 Man of the cloth
- 51 Light metal
- 52 Fore and ___
- 55 Assistant
- 58 Striped animal
- 60 Canape spread
- 61 Nab
- 62 Actress Pompeo
- 63 ___ up; arranges
- 64 Chess or dominoes
- 65 NL team

DOWN

- 1 Barn baby
- 2 Long ago
- 3 Irritating
- 4 Ditto
- 5 Blanket
- 6 Nice friend
- 7 Big ___; semi
- 8 Equestrian's foot supports
- 9 Show off
- 10 Family tree member
- 11 Marathon
- 12 McClanahan & others
- 14 Palm leaves
- 19 ___ up; bungle
- 22 Summer sign
- 25 Ins and ___
- 27 Wall socket
- 28 Not as risky
- 29 Fathers
- 30 Sure to happen
- 31 C-sharp & A-flat
- 33 Seasoning
- 34 Belt
- 36 Valley
- 38 Threatening



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

TEN	ADAMS	CROP
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TIME	CAPRI	ALSO
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CITE	SHE	
STREET	SPOILERS	
IRONS	FAIRS	LIP
FEUD	SIXES	SILLO
TNT	SANER	OCTET
STEEPLES	CARESS	
RYE	PITA	
ABLE	SPRIGHTLY	
REIN	MOOLA	COOS
MEMO	ASTER	HAWK
SNOW	NEEDS	FLY

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| 39 Boyfriend | 48 Fare carriers |
| 41 Cooking herb | 49 Attract; tempt |
| 42 Third-place medal | 50 Store sign |
| 44 Physicists Pierre & Marie | 53 Worry |
| 45 Fraternity letter | 54 Summer shades |
| 47 In ___; fashionable | 56 Shoe width |
| | 57 Perimeters |
| | 59 Common street name |



Revellers celebrate while waiting for the launch of the 'Chupinazo' rocket, to celebrate the official opening of the 2019 San Fermin fiestas with daily bull runs, bullfights, music and dancing in Pamplona, Spain, Saturday July 6, 2019.

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Spain: Pamplona kicks off running of bulls festival

By **ALVARO BARRIENTOS**

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Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP)

— The blast of a traditional firework on Saturday opened nine days of uninterrupted partying in Pamplona's famed running of the bulls festival.

A member of the northern city's official brass band was chosen for this year's launch of the rocket, known as the "Chupinazo," to mark 100 years since the local ensemble's foundation. Jesús Garísocain addressed an ecstatic crowd from the city hall's balcony, declaring "Long live San Fermin," the saint honored by the festival. The blast was met by an eruption of joy from revelers, who sprayed each other with wine, staining in pink the traditional attire of white

clothes and a red scarf.

Early 20th-century American author Ernest Hemingway immortalized the fiesta in his "The Sun Also Rises" novel. During the festival, Pamplona's population swells from nearly 200,000 residents to around a million visitors, who are attracted by the adrenaline boost of bull runs along an 850-meter (930-yard) street course to the city's bullring and seamless nights of partying. The city is also trying to leave behind the scandal that stemmed from a gang rape of an 18-year-old woman during the 2016 festival. The initial prison sentences of nine years for sexual abuse to the five defendants last year was seen as too lenient and led to widespread public outcry, galvanizing the country's feminist movement. □



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Experts warn of 'dead zone' in Chesapeake Bay from pollution

By **DAVID McFADDEN**

Associated Press

CONOWINGO, Md. (AP)

— When the Conowingo Dam opened to fanfare nearly a century ago, the massive wall of concrete and steel began its job of harnessing water power in northern Maryland. It also quietly provided a side benefit: trapping sediment and silt before it could flow miles downstream and pollute the Chesapeake Bay, the nation's largest estuary. The old hydroelectric dam spanning the lower Susquehanna River is still producing power, but its days of effectively trapping sediment in a 14-mile (22.5-kilometer) long reservoir behind its walls are over. Behind the 94-foot (29-meter) high barrier lies a massive inventory of coal-black muck — some 200 million tons (181 million metric tons) of pollutants picked up over decades from farmlands, industrial zones and towns.

How big a threat this sediment stockpile poses to the Chesapeake Bay or whether anything can even be done about it depends on who one talks to. With Maryland pushing to curb pollution in dam discharges, the issue has become a political football as Conowingo's operator seeks to renew its federal license to operate the dam for 46 more years after its old license expired.

And as negotiations drag on, the lack of agreement about curbing runoff pollutants following the wettest year on record imperils hard-won gains in restoring the Chesapeake Bay.

The iconic estuary famed for its blue crabs and oysters has been gradually rebounding under a federal cleanup program

launched in 1983 that put an end to unbridled pollution. But the 200-mile (325-kilometer) long bay is

tial threat, asserting the massive deposit of reservoir muck would devastate the bay if ever released down-

noting that most of the pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake come from upstream, particularly in

change could result in wetter conditions in the region make it all the more important that the upstream sources of river pollution in the Susquehanna be addressed," Exelon said in a statement.

Pennsylvania routinely pushes back against the criticism, noting that it has a whopping 33,000 farms and more than 350 municipalities in the watershed. The state says it's committed to meeting pollutant reduction targets.

"The momentum in Pennsylvania has never been stronger," said Deborah Klenotic, a spokeswoman for Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection.

But the warning signs are clear. Environmental scientists are predicting a 2-mile (3-kilometer) swath of low-to-no oxygen in the bay this summer, making it one of the biggest "dead zones" in nearly 20 years.

This year's particularly damaging dead zone is believed to be caused by nitrogen-laden runoff into rivers and tributaries, mostly from the Susquehanna, which supplies the most freshwater to the bay while also being its biggest source of sediment and nutrient loads.

In recent days, the Environmental Protection Agency released its evaluations of bay states' roadmaps to reduce pollution under the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint by 2025. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, an influential watchdog group, says that while Maryland and Virginia's draft plans are on track, Pennsylvania's fell "drastically short." It said the EPA's assessment failed to press for more pollution reductions or spell out if there would be consequences for failure.

Fearing a cascade of ecological decline, foundation president Will Baker argues the stakes couldn't be higher for the decades-old environmental effort.

"If EPA doesn't fully exercise its oversight responsibility, efforts to save the Bay will be lost," Baker warns. □



Water flows through Conowingo Dam, a hydroelectric dam spanning the lower Susquehanna River near Conowingo, Md., on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

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increasingly being ravaged by runoff-triggering downpours, including record-setting rainfall in 2018 and this year's soggy spring.

Intense cycles of downpours are washing pollutants into the Chesapeake from municipal sewer overflows, subdivisions and farms where manure often isn't effectively handled and nitrogen and phosphorus-rich fertilizers are used. Experts say climate change is accelerating the environmental decline, potentially leading to more damaging algae blooms and dead zones in the Chesapeake and coastal waters.

Maryland politicians and watermen who make their living off the bay's fragile bounty portray the sediment stored behind the Conowingo as an existen-

stream in a major storm. They note that sediment freely flows over the dam during downpours, turning the upper bay's waters a murky brown.

"The situation behind the dam is a ticking time bomb," said Genevieve Croker, spokeswoman for the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, a grouping of rural Maryland counties that have Republican Gov. Larry Hogan's ear.

Qian Zhang, an assistant research scientist at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, confirms that the sediment does flow freely.

"The reservoir is no longer capable of trapping sediment and sediment-associated nutrients. It will release sediment during storm events, creating room for sediment to deposit in subsequent days. However, from a long-term mass-balance perspective, the reservoir is essentially at a stage where sediments entering the reservoir equal sediments leaving," Zhang said.

But he and numerous other bay-area scientists say nutrient pollution, not sediment, is the major threat,

Pennsylvania. Most of the nitrogen pollutants reaching the bay, for instance, travel there as dissolved nitrate and are not affected at all by the Conowingo's sediment storage. They say mitigating the impacts from the huge infill behind the Maryland dam is part of the puzzle but hardly the keystone piece in the restoration strategy.

"The most effective approach has always been to better manage upstream sources," said William Ball, a scientist who directs the Chesapeake Research Consortium.

Chicago-based Exelon Corp., the dam's operator, stresses that the Conowingo itself is not a source of pollution and agrees the problem lies upstream. It suggests that more sediment could wash through the dam in coming years, since sustained downpours lead to high river flows and require more crest gate openings.

In 2018, there were 157 days when at least one crest gate was open, compared to 25 days in 2017 and 17 days in 2016, according to company data.

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Actor Cameron Boyce dies at age 20

By AMY FORLITI
Associated Press

Actor Cameron Boyce, best known for his role as the teenage son of Cruella de Vil in the Disney Channel franchise "Descendants," has died. He was 20 years old.

Boyce, who played Carlos de Vil in the "Descendants" movies, died Saturday at his home in Los Angeles, according to his spokesperson.

An official cause of death has not been announced, but his family released a statement Sunday saying Boyce "passed away in his sleep due to a seizure that was a result of an ongoing medical condition for which he was being treated."

"The world is now undoubtedly without one of its brightest lights, but his spirit will live on through the kindness and compassion of all who knew and loved him. We are utterly heartbro-



In this April 25, 2019, file photo, Cameron Boyce arrives at WE Day California at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

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ken," the family statement said.

According to his bio on the Disney Channel, Boyce was born and raised in Los Angeles. He was a dancer who got his acting start in commercials, then television and film. Boyce starred alongside Adam Sandler in "Grown Ups" and "Grown Ups 2," and other film credits include "Mirrors," "Eagle Eye" and the indie feature "Runt." He also starred in

the upcoming HBO series "Mrs. Fletcher."

"Descendants 3" is scheduled for release in August. His spokesperson said Sunday that Boyce was also a philanthropist who used his celebrity to advocate for those without a voice, including the homeless. Last year, he was honored for his work with the Thirst Project, bringing awareness to the global water crisis and raising more than \$30,000

for the organization to build two wells in Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, in efforts to bring clean drinking water to the region.

In 2017, he received a Daytime Emmy Award with Disney XD for his participation in the series "Timeless Heroes: Be Inspired," in honor of Black History Month. He appeared alongside his grandmother Jo Ann Boyce, one of 12 black teens known as the Clinton 12 who were the first to integrate into public school in Clinton, Tennessee, according to his Disney Channel biography.

A Disney Channel spokesperson released a statement Sunday saying that from a young age, Boyce dreamed of sharing his artistic talents with the world and was fueled by a desire to make a difference in peoples' lives through his humanitarian work.

"He was an incredibly tal-

ented performer, a remarkably caring and thoughtful person and, above all else, he was a loving and dedicated son, brother, grandson and friend," the statement said. "We offer our deepest condolences to his family, castmates and colleagues and join his many millions of fans in grieving his untimely passing. He will be dearly missed."

Walt Disney Co. Chairman and Chief Executive Robert Iger tweeted Sunday: "The Walt Disney Company mourns the loss of #CameronBoyce, who was a friend to so many of us, and filled with so much talent, heart and life, and far too young to die. Our prayers go out to his family and his friends."

Several of Boyce's co-stars reacted to his death on social media Sunday.

Sandler tweeted: "Loved that kid. Cared so much about his family. Cared so much about the world. ☐"

'Spider-Man' soars with \$185.1M over six-day holiday weekend

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It pays to have one of the biggest lead-ins ever. "Spider-Man: Far From Home," the first Marvel movie after "Avengers: Endgame," swung past any franchise fatigue to dominate the July Fourth holiday weekend, raking in an estimated \$185.1 million since opening Tuesday and earning \$93.6 million

from Friday to Sunday in North American theaters. The opening gave Sony Pictures one of its best weeks ever. "Far From Home," which opened overseas before landing in the U.S., has grossed \$580 million worldwide in 10 days of release. It also came with an assist from Disney's Marvel Studios, which has partnered with Sony on this and its last two "Spider-Man" re-



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Jake Gyllenhaal, left, and Tom Holland in a scene from "Spider-Man: Far From Home."

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leases: 2017's "Spider-Man: Homecoming" and last year's animated spinoff "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." Though "Far From Home" fell short of the \$117 million Friday to Sunday domestic opening of "Homecoming," its unconventional Tuesday opening paid off. The film's \$39.3 million opening day set a record for any movie on a Tuesday. To help whet the appetites of Marvel fans — and to approach the record \$2.79 billion gross of "Avatar" — Disney re-released "Endgame" in theaters the weekend ahead of "Far From Home." Part of the draw of the film, starring Tom Holland as Spider-Man and Jake Gyllenhaal as Mysterio, was seeing the first installment in a new chapter of the Marvel

Cinematic Universe. ("Endgame" still narrowly trails "Avatar," unadjusted for inflation, with \$2.77 billion.) The strong performance of "Far From Home," which cost approximately \$160 million to produce, along with the sustained interest in holdovers like "Toy Story 4," "Yesterday," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "Aladdin," helped the industry knock down the deficit compared with this time last year about a percentage point. Due in part to a number of underperforming sequels including "Godzilla: King of Monsters" and "Men in Black International," the year is running 8.4% behind last year. But Marvel has been immune to the ups and downs of sequel making — it's behind the year's top two films: "Endgame"

and "Captain Marvel." Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore, thinks "Far From Home" may have turned the tide. "This movie was exactly the shot in the arm the summer needed, emotionally and spiritually if not financially," said Dergarabedian, who noted the weekend overall was roughly equal to the same timeframe last year. "The whole notion of franchise fatigue, while true in some cases, is not in all. When movies aren't great, that's when people get fatigued." Perhaps just as cheering for the industry is how well a number of films are holding. After two weeks atop the box office, "Toy Story 4" slid a modest 43% to second place, with \$34.3 million. It has now taken in \$650 million globally. Universal Pictures' Beatles-themed romantic comedy "Yesterday" dropped only 37 percent in its second weekend, with \$10.8 million. The Warner Bros. "Conjuring" spinoff sequel "Annabelle Comes Home" snagged \$10.8 million in its second weekend. And Disney's "Aladdin," with \$7.6 million in its seventh week of release, has accumulated \$921.7 million worldwide. □

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Allman Betts Band feels staid on 'Down to the River'

By **RON HARRIS**
Associated Press

Allman Betts Band, "Down to the River" (BMG) Southern comfort blues-rock has never been about bluster, but Allman Betts Band could have ramped things up a notch on "Down to the River," a lackluster album from a group that should have more to offer. Devon Allman and Duane Betts, the sons of legendary Allman Brothers Band co-founders Gregg Allman and Dickey Betts, have been around enough all-star talent that southern rock is certainly in their DNA. But the listener is left searching a bit through middling



This cover image released by BMG shows "Down To The River," a release by The Allman Betts Band.

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tracks that provide little more than a vague tapestry of southern trope. "Shinin'" is about as close as we get to that sweet southern rock groove. There are

nifty lead guitar riffs and nice slide guitar work from Johnny Stachela. And the down-tempo self-titled track is well done with a bluesy cool. But songs like "Try" and "Melodies Are Memories" feel tired and listless. It's one thing to play with a reverence to early '70s rock. It's another to be mired in its often un inventive delivery and fall victim to its patterned complacency. Allman Betts Band can certainly play southern rock. But they're playing an old version of it and bringing nothing new to the table. They should and could have reached for more. □

Royal baby Archie christened at private Windsor ceremony

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP)—The youngest member of Britain's royal family, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, was christened at Windsor Castle on Saturday in a private ceremony — too private for some royal fans.

The 2-month-old son of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex was baptized in the castle's private chapel by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, head of the Church of England.

Palace officials said that, in keeping with royal tradition, Archie wore a lace and satin christening gown — a replica of one made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter in 1841 — that was also used for his cousins Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis. He was sprinkled with water from the River Jordan at an ornate silver baptismal font that has been used in royal christenings for more than 150 years.

Archie, born May 6, is the first child of Prince Harry and the former Meghan Markle, and seventh in line to the British throne.

His parents released two photos taken by fashion photographer Chris Allerton, including a black-and-



This is the official christening photo released by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on Saturday, July 6, 2019, showing Britain's Prince Harry, front row, second left and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex with their son, Archie.

white image showing the couple cradling a tranquil Archie between them, with the castle's Rose Garden in the background.

It was accompanied by a

color portrait taken in the castle's Green Drawing Room of the young family surrounded by relatives, including Harry's brother Prince William and his wife

Kate; Harry's father Prince Charles and his wife Camilla; Meghan's mother Doria Ragland; and Jane Fellowes and Sarah McCorquodale, the sisters of

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Harry's late mother Princess Diana.

Archie's great-grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, did not attend the christening because of a prior engagement.

Meghan and Harry have faced criticism for declining to reveal the names of Archie's godparents, and not giving the public a glimpse of the event — though that didn't stop well-wishers coming to Windsor with Union Jack flags, banners and even a cake to mark the occasion.

Harry, whose mother Diana was pursued by paparazzi until her death in a Paris car crash in 1997, has long had a tense relationship with the media. The tension intensified after he began his relationship with Meghan, an American former actress who starred in TV legal drama "Suits."

In May, Harry accepted damages and an apology from a news agency that used a helicopter to take photos of a secluded rural retreat that he and Meghan had rented.

Earlier this year the couple moved from central London to a more secluded home near Windsor Castle, some 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of London. □

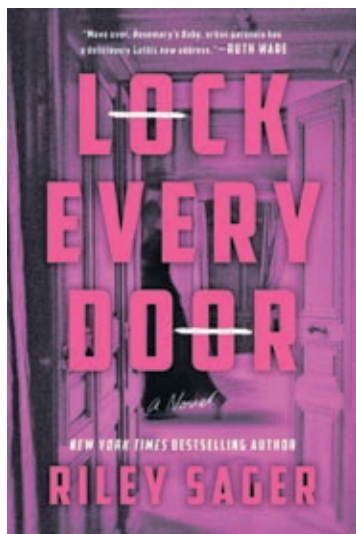
A house sitter becomes a target in 'Lock Every Door'

By OLIVE H. COGDILL
Associated Press

"Lock Every Door" by Riley Sager (Dutton)

A historical New York City apartment building complete with wealthy celebrity residents, gargoyles and a storied legacy including the setting of a best-selling book would seem to be the ideal place to call home. The location couldn't be better, even if the stay is temporary, a three-month apartment-sitting stint, thinks Jules Larsen, the young, down-on-her-luck heroine in the deliciously frightening "Lock Every Door."

Jules can't believe that the ad for house sitter is for a luxury apartment at the Bartholomew, the locale of her favorite novel. Lo-



This cover image released by Dutton shows "Lock Every Door," a novel by Riley Sager.

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cated near the more famous Dakota and the San Remo, the Bartholomew — "a mere wisp of thing" only 13 stories tall — had its own lore. Unlike those oth-

er "behemoths," the Bartholomew was "small, intricate, memorable."

In addition to staying in her dream apartment, the job would help Jules rebuild her life. Jobless since her company downsized and homeless since she moved out of her cheating boyfriend's apartment, Jules has been sleeping on her only friend's couch. The job would give her a place to live and pay \$12,000 for the three months, giving her time to look for employment. The job comes with just a few rules — no visitors, ever; no spending an entire night away; no bothering the residents or gossiping about them. Seems fair, thinks Jules, who ignores that adage, if it's too good to be true, it probably is.

Faster than one can say "Rosemary's Baby," Jules begins to notice oddities in the building, strange sounds and unusual architecture. Even the wallpaper takes on a sinister feeling. Are those really flowers or eyes watching her? News stories about mysterious deaths and rumors of hauntings are forwarded to her by a friend. Jules strikes up a friendship with another apartment sitter who disappears one night. Turns out the young woman isn't the only apartment sitter who abruptly left.

Tension accelerates with each day's stay as Riley Sager keeps the suspense grounded in reality in his third novel. The appealing Jules has an inner strength but also an acute vulner-

ability that stems from being alone in the world since her sister disappeared four years before, followed by her parents' death. Jules wants to belong and to have a home. She believes she has found that, however temporarily, especially when it seems the author of her favorite book takes an interest in her.

Dedicated to Ira Levin, the prophetically titled "Lock Every Door" builds to a devastating finale that is more chilling and believable than Rosemary giving birth to the son of Satan. Sager uses the darkening atmosphere and the tiniest thing that goes bump in the night, for the utmost terror. As for locking every door — that may not be enough to keep out real evil. □

Psychedelic tourism thrives in Peru despite recent killing

By **FRANKLIN BRICENO**
Associated Press
NUEVO EGIPTO, Peru (AP)

— Sitting on a mattress strewn across the floor with white sheets, Pamela Moronci closes her eyes while a traditional healer starts to chant in the indigenous Shipibo language.

In a straw hut, engulfed by the nighttime cacophony of the Amazon rainforest, a shaman inhales a potent tobacco from a pipe and blows smoke on Moronci's head to cleanse her, before she takes her place in a sacred ayahuasca ceremony. He offers the Italian woman a plastic cup with three ounces of a bitter, muddy brew made of psychedelic vines. Moronci drinks it, coughs and smiles despite its unpleasant taste. "There is a really strong energy here," she says, before falling asleep, amid the chirping of crickets and thundering rain.

Every year thousands of tourists visit jungle retreats in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador to try ayahuasca, a hallucinogenic elixir made of native plants that is thought to heal some mental illnesses. But while Moronci and others say they have found peace and enlightenment, for a few seekers the experience has been fatal.

And as more Westerners seek out the legendary curative, commercialization has taken over as profit-seeking impostors pop up among the dozens of legitimate ayahuasca centers that have emerged over the years.

Over the past decade at least 11 tourists have been killed in incidents linked to traditional medicine in South America, according to news reports, including a California man who was buried secretly by a shaman after he died in an ayahuasca ceremony in Peru. The latest killing took place in April, not far from the Peruvian village of Nuevo Egipto, where Sebastian Woodroffe, a 41-year-old Canadian man studying medicinal plants, was bludgeoned in broad daylight by an angry mob in retaliation for him allegedly killing



In this May 6, 2018 photo, Shaman Pablo Flores concentrates after drinking ayahuasca during a session in Nuevo Egipto, a remote village in the Peruvian Amazon.

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a revered traditional healer. Peruvian investigators later concluded Woodroffe shot healer Olivia Arevalo with a gun he purchased. Now they are investigating what could have led him to pull the trigger.

"The most likely scenario is that it was a dispute over money," says Ricardo Jimenez, the lead prosecutor in the case.

In 2015, a former Goldman Sachs analyst got hold of a knife during an ayahuasca ceremony at a retreat center in Peru and attacked a Canadian man who was with him. He was killed by the Canadian, who acted in self-defense. In 2014, a 19-year-old British man died in Colombia after he passed out during an ayahuasca ritual.

Anthropologists say the region's history of violence and lawlessness could be replicating itself in the virtually unregulated ayahuasca industry. In backwater towns like Iquitos

or Pucallpa, aggressive English-speaking touts offering ayahuasca ceremonies greet tourists literally as they come off the boat, while in indigenous markets a liter-size bottle of the powerful tea fetches as much as \$100. "The Amazon has long had a frontier economy, based on the exploitation of its natural resources," said Ana Echazu-Boschemeier, an anthropology professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil, who spent more than a year in the jungle researching ayahuasca and its uses. "To some extent, shamanic tourism is replicating this savage logic of extractive industries where people and nature have little protection," she said.

Ayahuasca in the Quechua language means the vine of the soul — or death, depending on the translation — and it has been used for hundreds of years by indigenous communi-

ties throughout the Amazon basin, mostly in religious rituals.

The gringo trail to the spiritual El Dorado took off with the publication in 1963 of "The Yage Letters," in which beatnik poet Allen Ginsberg described feeling like a "snake vomiting out the universe" after trying ayahuasca in the rainforest a short boat ride from Nuevo Egipto.

More recently, it has won devotees among the rich and famous despite its reputation for an all-consuming high that for many people leads to violent vomiting and diarrhea. Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan credits ayahuasca with changing her life, singer Sting said it was his only ever "genuine religious experience," and Netflix is currently distributing two documentaries on the mind-tripping drink with big-name backers like Leonardo DiCaprio and Chelsea Handler. Charles Grob, a psychiatrist at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles who has studied ayahuasca, says that the plants' effects are mostly benign. In 1993, he conducted a study on ayahuasca users in Brazil, finding that subjects who attended a church that reveres ayahuasca were mentally healthy.

"A number of our subjects had strong histories of alcohol abuse that entirely ceased," after they joined the Uniao do Vegetal church and took ayahuasca twice a month, Grob said.

But Grob adds that there are risks in taking the plant, especially in places where there is no medical facilities or proper oversight. The plant contains DMT, an alkaloid that causes strong hallucinations.

"Some retreat centers are well trained and have a good sense of ethics, but in others that may not be the case," said Grob.

Although the ayahuasca ritual was declared part of Peru's national heritage in 2008, there are no established guidelines for how a ceremony should be conducted or any agency in charge of overseeing people who carry out the rituals. Moronci, the Italian tourist, says the spate of ayahuasca deaths, and the killing of Woodroffe, did not cause her much concern.

The 30-year-old businesswoman said she first tried ayahuasca in Italy as she fought depression, and credits it with "finding truths" about herself that traditional meditation could not provide. There she met a shaman from Spain who told her about retreat centers in Peru.

In a recent ritual in Nuevo Egipto led by local shaman Pablo Flores, Moronci said she relived happy moments of her childhood, and also realized she had health problems that had to be addressed.

"The plant told me I had a problem in my ovaries that I was not aware of, and that is what I am working on now," she said. □



In this May 6, 2018 photo, Italian national Pamela Moronci attends an ayahuasca session in Nuevo Egipto, at a remote village in the Peruvian Amazon.

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In this May 4, 2018 photo, supplies for ayahuasca and Santeria rituals, are displayed for sale in the Pucallpa market, deep in the Amazonian jungle of Peru.

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